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Attacks in Vietnam intensify

N. (Hinter). — Communist with Vietnamese units has the fiercest fighting since early 23 cease-fire yesterday what military sources saw as a large-scale military offensive.

South Vietnamese military officials reported that Communist attacks had increased their attacks in South Vietnam and described as "significant." Military said the attacks were probing for an offensive in a few months.

International Commission for and Supervision of the Vietnam cease-fire moved yesterday to the deadlock between the government forces over which has threatened a total war in administering the

the Cambodian front, a big convoy under American air was sailing up the Mekong last night to try to break a Communist encirclement of Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh as they needed fuel, food and military equipment.

Washington, the U.S. was ready to mount a massive relief supplies if the Communist succeeded in choking off the Cambodian capital's supply lines. The U.S. stocks and other necessities in Phnom Penh are dwindling.

U.S. aid reached Wounded Knee

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP). — Government negotiator said that an agreement would be reached with militant Indians at Wounded Knee 37 to.

U.S. Attorney Gen. Kent said the agreement would be reached later in the day with the armed American government forces who have occupied the village since the night of January 27.

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Italian policemen demonstrate how two Arabs with Iranian passports were carrying pistols and handgrenades when they were arrested at Rome Airport on Wednesday night. One of the men, suspected of planning an attack at the airport, is seen at upper right. He was carrying an Iranian passport in the name of Shirazi Bahrami Kisa. The other man, carrying a passport in the name of Mirza Gholam Akbar, is seen at lower right.

Picked up at Rome Airport Armed Arabs thought planning terror act

ROME — Italian police said yesterday they were trying to trace persons seen with two Arabs arrested at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport on Wednesday night by security police who found them carrying loaded pistols and handgrenades strapped to their bodies.

Investigators said in a statement that after hours of intensive questioning they had found out little about the two men suspected of plotting a hijacking or an attack at the airport.

Then men, both in their 20s, were carrying passports identifying them as natives of Iran residing in Teheran. Police said they were trying to check their movements in Rome and to trace the persons who went with them to the airport on Wednesday.

The police said the Iranian passports were almost surely faked. They were arrested when a police patrol became suspicious as they wandered through the airport lounge the whole afternoon without boarding a plane. A search produced two Spanish pistols and six Soviet-made handgrenades which the two Arabs had concealed in leather belts tied around their waists, police said.

The two had tickets for an Alitalia flight to Paris which left on Wednesday afternoon. Police said they probably did not go aboard as they feared they might be searched or forced to go through a metal detector.

Another police source, however, said they might have been planning an attempt against an airplane at Rome Airport.

Police said the two had arrived in Italy from Barcelona, Spain, on March 27 and stayed in two hotels in Rome.

They carried passports bearing the names of Shirazi Bahrami Kisa, 23, and Mirza Gholam Akbar, 23, both listed as hand owners living in Teheran.

Police said they arrived at the airport and checked in at the Alitalia counter where their tickets were checked. They left three suitcases which were sent aboard but they failed to show up when passengers for the flight were called.

Police spotted them as they sat next to an exit for an El Al flight shortly after the Alitalia plane had left for Paris. They did not try to get to the gate, however, police said. They walked up and down the lounge chatting nervously and apparently discussing what to do when the police patrol stopped them.

An Alitalia spokesman said a check of the three suitcases before they were placed aboard the plane for Paris produced nothing.

Ten months ago, Rome Airport police arrested a Lebanese woman with two pistols strapped to her chest as she was about to board a flight for Beirut. (Reuter, AP)

JOBERT IS F.M. IN NEW FRENCH GOV'T

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Michel Jobert, 51-year-old right-hand man of President Georges Pompidou, was appointed Foreign Minister last night in the new French Government whose composition indicates that France's policies at home and abroad are unlikely to undergo much change.

The appointment of Mr. Jobert in preference to any leading politician strongly suggests that Mr. Pompidou intends to keep foreign policy under even firmer personal control than during his past three years at the Elysee Palace.

Mr. Jobert, who has been secretary-general of Pompidou's personal office throughout his presidency, succeeds Maurice Schumann who was defeated in last month's election.

Several ministers kept their old posts, including Raymond Marcellin (Interior), Valéry Giscard d'Estaing (Economy and Finance) and Joseph Fontanet (Education). Ex-Transport Minister Robert Galley took over as Defense Minister in place of hard-line Gaullist Michel Debre who announced this week he would not join the new Government.

The new incumbent of the Quai d'Orsay is very much a behind-the-scenes adviser. He has worked closely with a number of leading political figures, including ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France, as a director or aide on their ministerial staffs.

Mr. Jobert's appointment came as a surprise in a government which to all intents and purposes is the mixture as before. Premier Pierre Messmer's list of ministers is in the main a reshuffle of the old familiar faces. Mr. Messmer's reappointment as premier was confirmed by Mr. Pompidou last week.

No change in France's diplomatic options — French supremacy in the Common Market, its pro-Arab stance in the Middle East, hostility to American economic hegemony — can therefore be expected.

Mr. Jobert's appointment followed speculation that the Foreign Ministry would go to 60-year-old Olivier Boris Wormser, former Governor of the Bank of France and son of a distinguished Jewish family of bankers.

Observers noted that all the portfolios have been shared among the Gaullists and allied parties who made up the outgoing majority which lost almost 100 seats in the general election.

7,000 to Israel in 3 mos.

MOSCOW. — Over 7,000 Soviet Jews have left for Israel this year, slightly below the level of last year, when over 30,000 gained exit papers, informed sources said yesterday.

The Soviet authorities are believed to be keeping to their promise, leaked last month, not to collect the education tax on emigrants. But Jewish sources here said that scientists and technologists previously denied permission to leave for state interests have not been given visas.

The sources said Jews getting their exit visas at the Soviet passport office were being informed the law was no longer in force. The first groups of Jews exempted this year were simply told "exceptions" were being made in their cases.

The word Soviet passport officials are now using is *otmenen*, which can mean "repealed" or "not subject to fulfillment."

Brezhnev will visit W. Germany

BONN. — Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev yesterday confirmed that he will visit West Germany this year.

The Chancellor said Soviet Ambassador Valentin Falin had delivered a message to this effect to him yesterday morning.

No date for Brezhnev's visit was reported but informed sources earlier said the first Soviet-West German summit on West German soil would take place from May 12 to May 17.

The Chancellor said Falin requested the meeting late Wednesday. At the meeting, the Soviet Ambassador handed a letter to Brandt from the Soviet Communist Party chief in which Brezhnev "confirmed his readiness to accept an invitation from the Federal Government to visit the Federal Republic," Brandt said.

Brezhnev's visit is expected to take place exactly 10 days after Brandt returns from a surprise summit with President Nixon in Washington May 1 and 2, announced only Wednesday. (AP, Reuter)

Israelis hound Kosygin at press session

SOVIET P.M. IN SWEDEN
CHARGES: 'INSOLENCE'

STOCKHOLM. — Israeli reporters mounted a steady offensive against Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin at a press conference he held here yesterday, which ended with Mr. Kosygin accusing the Israelis of "insolence."

After a series of questions on the ransom tax on Jewish emigrants, the Russian said he was "indignant" over what he called "trumped-up charges" over the tax.

"There are certain people in Israel who have been sent here to ferret out all sorts of questions designed to artificially play up the non-existent Jewish problem in the Soviet Union," he said.

The Middle East dominated the hour-long press conference.

Mr. Kosygin rebuked a correspondent from "Yediot Aharonot" who said the Soviet Union was mistreating Jewish citizens by taking ransom from them before they were allowed to emigrate to Israel.

He said he spoke as the Prime Minister of the Soviet Union's three million Jewish people as well as its other citizens. There was no truth to allegations that Jewish people were badly treated in his country. He said there were Soviet Jews in Vienna who wait and long to return to Russia after emigrating to Israel.

He said the state did require compensation from people leaving for Israel on which it had spent money on education and training. These payments depended on the background and circumstances of the persons involved, he said.

In a rare burst of anger in a visit which has gone extremely cordially so far, the Prime Minister accused the reporter of "insolence."

The Russian Premier said, "We will do all we can to achieve a Middle East solution based on the liberation of occupied lands and bringing an end to Israel's aggression. World public opinion could and should be brought to bear to achieve such a solution. As you know we still have a treaty with Egypt in force and we believe that Egypt is fully entitled to have a strong army to defend itself and liberate its lands."

In this context Kosygin was asked by a "Ma'ariv" reporter that

if the Soviet Union really wants to achieve a peaceful settlement, why does it not have diplomatic relations with both sides in the conflict?

The Soviet leader answered curtly, "We could have agreed to that if the Arabs also had been aggressors. As it is Israel that is the aggressor we cannot maintain the same attitude to both sides."

Answering a series of questions about the Middle East, the Soviet leader said the situation in that area remained one of the main threats to world peace.

The continued Israeli "aggression" against the Arab states could not be tolerated, Mr. Kosygin declared. And he added: "We were among the sponsors of the formation of the State of Israel. We still take the position today that Israel as a state should exist and have guarantees of its independent existence."

"But that does not mean we should support the aggression of Israel," Kosygin was visibly annoyed when the "Yediot" reporter, at the end of the news conference, asked how this compared with Soviet relations with the U.S. "aggressor" in Vietnam and with Soviet aggression against Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

At the same time the Soviet leader was asked whether the Soviet Government will officially cancel the emigration tax law because of U.S. congressional moves against it, and

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MEIR: Compromise on West Bank is needed

By BENIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir said yesterday that a compromise is needed on the future of the West Bank. Israel must remain in the Jordan Valley with its army and agricultural and industrial settlements, but the heavily Arab populated areas being linked to Jordan with a connecting strip.

Speaking at a dinner at the Knesset in honor of the members of the Hebrew University Board of Governors, Mrs. Meir said that Jordan is the only Arab country which has learned its lesson, if only partly.

But, if and when that country is ready to negotiate, Israel must still keep in mind the unstable nature of Arab governments in considering what concessions it can afford to make.

The Premier said that the majority of Israelis do not consider the Suez Canal as Israel's border, but that Sharm-e-Sheikh, Gaza and the Golan Heights are vital to Israel's security.

French Embassy urges trio not to sail Suez Canal

By ANAN SAFADI
and HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The French Embassy in Tel Aviv was late last night trying to persuade three Frenchmen to abandon their intention of proceeding to Port Said early this morning in a bid to sail down the Suez Canal on a "peace mission."

Embassy officials did so after the three men said they would go ahead with their plan at 4.30 this morning despite Egyptian objections.

The Embassy was contacted by Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem who were earlier informed by the U.N. that Egyptian officials said the men would not be allowed to proceed to the Canal Port Said at the mouth of the Canal, is controlled by Egyptian forces.

Last night the U.N. Headquarters in Jerusalem also advised the trio to call off their venture. The Frenchmen, whose tiny craft had drifted off course and who were given shelter by Israel forces in Sinai, were informed by the U.N. that their attempt to sail along the waterway "could not take place."

A U.N. spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that the advice to the Frenchmen to call off their trip followed contacts with the Israeli and Egyptian authorities. He did not elaborate but noted that the U.N. was keen "to avoid any incident."

Late last night the three Frenchmen were at an Israel Army base in Sinai. The U.N. message was

brought to them by a team of observers who were expected to arrange their exit from Sinai, reportedly in coordination with the French Embassy in Tel Aviv.

The Frenchmen, journalist Jean Rubeaud, photographer Claude Escatell and cameraman Alain Debos landed early yesterday morning cold and shivering in Sinai. The army spokesman said that the trio were picked up by an army patrol and given warm clothes and shelter.

The three men had earlier alighted from a chartered British freighter in the Mediterranean,

and continued by rubber dinghy in the direction of the mouth of the Canal at Port Said. But strong currents apparently proved too much for the small outboard motor and the dinghy was washed ashore, about 45 kilometres off course.

The army informed the United Nations cease-fire observers that the three were in Israeli hands, and would be allowed to continue on their journey whenever they wished.

The trio is believed to have left the Greek port of Piraeus on Wednesday morning. They carried provisions for 15 hours.

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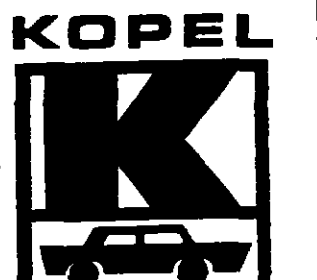
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Forecast: Warm and dry.
Outlook for Saturday: Warm and dry, becoming partly cloudy, with a slight drop in temperatures and rise in humidity.

Weather synopsis:	A warm low over Egypt moving eastward.
Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min.-Max.
Jerusalem 17	9-22
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Nahariya 15	6-25
Safed 27	13-25
Haifa 27	13-25
Tiberias 35	13-25
Nasrath 32	10-25
Afula 43	6-30
Shomron 14	8-28
Tel Aviv 12	11-21
Lod 28	6-25
Jericho 27	10-30
Gaza 63	12-30
Erezheba 63	12-30
Eilat 18	16-30
Tiran 21	18-28

Social and Personal

President Zelman Shazar yesterday received the new Ambassadors of Peru and El Salvador, Bernardo Roca-Rey and Guillermo Paz Larin, who presented him with their letters of credence. Foreign Minister Abba Eban represented the Government at the ceremony.

Chief Dr. Abraham Jose Williams, chairman of the Nigerian Medical Association and of "Bridge," the Nigerian Association for Friendship with Israel, was guest of honour at a dinner given in by Shlomo Moriel, chairman of the Israel-Africa and the Malagasy Friendship League, at Chez Roger in Jaffa, on Wednesday.

Euse Lohstein of Rio de Janeiro yesterday received an honorary fellowship from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a luncheon at the University's Belgium House Faculty Club, attended by Foreign Minister Abba Eban and members of the University's Board of Governors.

Prof. H.C. Brown of the Department of Chemistry at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, will give a guest lecture at the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the Hebrew University's School of Pharmacy, on "The Remarkable BC Shift," on Sunday, April 8, at 10 a.m. in Hall "Gimel," the Hebrew University School of Pharmacy Building, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial ceremony for the 77 victims of the Mount Scopus massacre of 1948 will be held today, the 25th anniversary of the ambush. Relatives of the fallen and Hadasah Hospital personnel will hold a service at the Chagall Synagogue at 11 a.m. and will proceed from there to Sheikh Jarrah to lay wreaths on the monument there.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will not hold its weekly meeting today, because of the regional conference now taking place in Holon.

ARRIVALS

Menahem Segal, M.K. from the U.S. and Canada, where he spent a week on a mission for Israel (see p. 1A).

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, from an official visit to Colombia, Bolivia and Peru.

David Rose of New York, member of the Technion's Board of Governors, to attend the first public demonstration of the Kogan-Rose waste finalization process at the Technion on Tuesday.

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a memorial service and the unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Sunday, April 8, 1973. Family and friends will meet at the entrance of the Givat Shaul Cemetery, Jerusalem at 3 p.m. Our thanks to all who expressed their sympathy in our bereavement.

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for the Scopus convoy victims who lost their lives 25 years ago, will be held in the Synagogue at the Hadassah-Hebrew University

Medical Centre today (Friday), 11 a.m. (Buses 19 and 27)

Members of the bereaved families and friends are invited to attend.

After the service, special transportation will leave from the Medical Centre for Sheikh Jarrah where "El Male Rachamin" will be recited at 12.30 p.m. at the monument in memory of those who fell in the Convoy.

Dayan said backing Shapiro proposal on land purchases

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan supports Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro's proposal that Jewish land purchase in the administered areas should be controlled and approved by an authorized Government body, sources close to Mr. Dayan said. Such a Government authority would examine each individual application on its merits in order to prevent speculative land transactions.

It is now learned that it was Mr. Shapiro who first brought to the Cabinet the question of Government authorization for Jewish land purchases in the territories, since a number of applications by Israeli firms and individual entrepreneurs have been pending for over a year.

According to Mr. Shapiro's proposal, such land transactions, if approved by the Government, would be registered in the Land Registry. The issue is high up on the Cabinet agenda, with opinions sharply divided between Ministers who oppose any land purchase by individuals in the administered areas and those who would like to see such transactions, provided they are effectively controlled by the Government.

Until now land deals in the administered areas have been made without any legal basis. Arab landowners give irrevocable power of attorney to their Jewish buyers.

While Mr. Dayan is understood to accept the need for strictly enforced Government control over land transactions in the areas, he is firmly opposed to a proposal that would make the Israel Lands Administration the sole agent for such land purchases. The Lands Administration has a limited Government budget, he argues, and does not initiate any economic or building enterprises of its own.

Most of the applications for Jewish land purchase in the areas have been submitted by housing firms, private contractors and individual entrepreneurs who are planning to enter Israel-Arab partnerships in stone quarries, and in developing hotels in the Jericho and Beit Jalla area.

There are only a very limited number of Arab landowners in the West Bank who have decided to offer their land for sale, chiefly near Jerusalem.

The Cabinet is expected next week to resume discussion of the issue.

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Jericho school appeals to Dayan and Hussein

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Members of the Anglo-American Committee for Boys Town, the sponsors of the Jericho school for refugee children run by Palestinian Moussa Alami, had simultaneous meetings yesterday with Jordan's King Hussein and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, to ask for their support.

Sir Harold Beeley, Britain's former ambassador to Cairo, and Mrs. Dianne Gibson Watt met with Mr. Dayan while the former commissioner of Urwa, John Davis, and former deputy commissioner John Raddaway met King Hussein. (Mr. Davis and Mr. Raddaway crossed into Jordan over Allenby Bridge in the morning.)

No details were available on the Jordanian meeting, but the conference with Mr. Dayan was said to have been "friendly and fruitful." Sir Harold and Mrs. Watt reportedly thanked the Defence Minister for the Israel Government's support of the school and asked him to make "concessions" to further the enterprise's development.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Dayan's coordinator for the administered areas, Aluf Shlomo Gazit, and Yehoshua Almog, the Foreign Ministry's liaison man for the territories.

Earlier this week, the Anglo-American Committee held a conference at Boys Town, which was built on a desert stretch between Jericho and Allenby Bridge some 20 years ago and now supports some 200 teenagers. The delegates — all well-known Arabists — pledged to rally their governments' support for the school, which supports itself largely by farming.

New deputy chairman of Hebrew U. board

At its closing session yesterday, the Hebrew University Board of Governors elected Mr. Julian E. Viner as deputy chairman. The Board also elected eight new governors (including Mr. Nessim Gaon of Switzerland, president of the World Association of Sephardic Jews), 15 new alternate governors and 16 new honorary governors.

Five killed on roads

Five persons were killed in road accidents over the past two days. Two men were killed yesterday afternoon, and a third seriously injured, when a commercial van in which they were driving collided head-on with a cement truck on the Geha Road near Neve Magen. Their names were not released by late last night.

One man was killed and four others injured, two seriously, in a crash between the car in which they were driving and a Dodge bus on the Sharon road near Mishav Bistra last night. The victims' names were also not available last night.

An unidentified woman pedestrian aged about 60 was killed on Wednesday morning when a bus hit her at the intersection of Shmuel Hanay and Bar-Ilan in Jerusalem.

A 19-year-old girl from Rafat, Haddasa Hajwazi, was killed on Wednesday afternoon when she was struck by a passenger car on the Gaza Strip's main highway. The car had first struck another pedestrian, who suffered only slight injuries.

Food, textile plants cited as air polluters

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Victor Shemtov said in the Knesset Wednesday that half of the air pollution in the Tel Aviv area, caused by fuel combustion, was due to food and textile factories. He was replying at question-time to Meir Avizohar (Independent).

Mr. Shemtov told Rabbi Yehuda Abramovitz (Agudat Israel) that researchers were still studying the cause of Tel Aviv's great smog, at the end of the 1972 "Ere" he denied that any babies in Tel Aviv had developed "black lungs" as a result of the air pollution, and said the reports were all based on a misunderstanding of the statements of a doctor.

Gas container distributors end strike

The country's gas distributors ended a six-day strike yesterday and promised to try to fill all back orders for cooking gas today.

The distributors were protesting against the 20-agora rise approved for the service charge for delivering a gas balloon. They said the new charge — 60 agoras — was insufficient to allow them to operate profitably and still give good service.

They agreed yesterday to the Commerce Minister's proposal to establish a special committee to look into their grievance and submit a recommendation within two weeks.

THE EUROVISION songfest, in which Israel is taking part for the first time this year, will be broadcast live via satellite tomorrow night at 10.30 p.m. from Luxembourg. (See story — page 5)

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Police remove one of the 18 Black Panthers who were arrested yesterday outside the Kiryat Yovel supermarket in Jerusalem. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

18 Panthers held in demonstration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of Black Panthers and students yesterday demonstrated against rising prices in a supermarket in Jerusalem's Kiryat Yovel quarter. Police arrested 18 persons.

The incident occurred at 5 p.m., when about 20 demonstrators entered the Superol market and began pasting stickers announcing a 15 per cent reduction in prices on to items on display. Another score of demonstrators stood outside with placards denouncing the rise in food prices.

Eddie Malka, a former Panther who formed his own Blue and White movement, loaded a shopping cart with packets of sugar, which he said he intended to purchase at the regular price and to resell to members of the public outside at a reduced price. As he stood in a line of customers waiting at a cash register, he was seized by police.

The other demonstrators inside were also removed and loaded into a police van.

Those arrested also included Panther leader Kochavi Shemesh. Deputy Jerusalem Police Commander Avraham Turjeman said the police moved in when they feared a public disturbance was about to be created.

A Superol spokesman said yesterday that old stocks were still being sold at the old prices. This included products made of flour (macaroni, spaghetti, biscuits, and cookies). However, as soon as these stocks ran out, there would be a "ripple" of higher prices when the new stocks were placed on the shelf, he said.

Mapam youth to protest prices

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mapam youth division will hold an anti-Government demonstration in Dizengoff Circle tomorrow evening here over the new price increases.

The Mapam youth division has distributed thousands of leaflets in factories in the greater Tel Aviv area, urging workers to join in the demonstration. The demands outlined in the pamphlet are even more extreme than those adopted by the party's political committee: They appeal to the workers to demand revision of the collective work agreements signed in January, urge "freezing" of prices and taxes for 90 days at least and immediate payment of an extra cost of living allowance.

The pamphlet, bearing the signature of Mapam headquarters, youth division, blames the Government for having "poured oil on the inflationary fire." "The cancellation of subsidies... has hit at workers' living standards and benefited the newly rich," it declares.

Significantly, the leaflet urges the men to join in "our protest to back up the Histadrut's demands against price increases."

Queried about such anti-government agitation by the youth division of the junior partner in the Labour-Mapam Alignment, Mapam political secretary Naftali Feder said: "The youth division enjoys autonomy under our party constitution." He would not confirm reports that this new campaign was co-ordinated with the party leaders.

In Netanyahu, factory workers at the Abir beer plant stopped work for an hour yesterday to hold a protest meeting against the price rises.

Histadrut leader urges new wage policy

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new departure in Histadrut wage policies was urged yesterday by the Labour Federation's trade union chief, Uriel Abramowicz.

Addressing the Labour Party debate on Histadrut affairs, Mr. Abramowicz held that the Histadrut was trapped in a serious crisis in wage policies arising from an unstable economy, surplus employment and growing professional differences.

Future wage policies he said, should be conducted on three coordinated levels. First, a general framework of policy should be outlined at a national level on such matters as the cost-of-living payment allowance, minimum wages, social welfare policies, national insurance payments and taxes. The second level would involve negotiating the collective work agreement between national trade unions and their counterparts in specific industries. The third level would be bargaining at local levels where supplementary conditions could be added to the overall collective agreement.

Mr. Abramowicz said the Histadrut will, during 1974, be obliged to reform the wage structure for employees in public services. He opposed altering existing centralized direction of standard wage scales.

Mr. Abramowicz scored critics of Histadrut wage policy, claiming

that the wage differences between various groups of wage-earners had not grown, but rather shrunk during 1970-72. Together with Tel Aviv Labour Council Secretary Uri Alpert, he complained of "mutual massaging" by Party leaders over the mass media, in a disapproving reference to the sharp exchanges between Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Agriculture Centre head Yitzhak Shapiro, who is also on the Histadrut Central Committee, attacked Mr. Ben-Aharon's methods, saying "I do not believe in one-man talent and rule whether he be charismatic or not." He urged collective leadership at the top of the Federation.

"Instead of common discussions we have artificial antagonism, mainly because the top Party leadership gives no guidance."

Mr. Ovadia Porat of the Histadrut Control Commission spoke bitterly of the report regarding "the award of ILMs, to a certain Jew in land transactions. Until this very moment no one has denied this story. I want to know what it is all about, who is paying for these fifteen millions, and on whose account." (Mr. Porat was referring to news items that the State Land Authority awarded, at very low cost, part of the Schneller Camp in Jerusalem to a Jewish businessman from Frankfurt who heads a group that has built luxury hotels on the Tel Aviv sea front.)

No decision on Histadrut polls Ben-Aharon presses for Sept. deadline

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday heightened his campaign against changing the September 11th deadline for the Labour Federation's elections in the Histadrut election. This was interpreted as indicating that ex-Raf wishes to leave its position open on Mr. Ben-Aharon's continuing in office.

On the other hand, Mr. Ben-Aharon's Abdu Ha'avoda colleague Deputy Secretary-General Avraham Gevuler, saw no reason to make any decision now on who will be the no. 1 man in the Histadrut. These differences finally caused the Bureau Secretariat to put off making any decision.

HIGH COURT

Mr. Ben-Aharon earlier warned his opponents within the Party of the Gahal threat to take the election deadline issue to the High Court of Justice. "Whoever talks of not holding the elections as scheduled is playing with fire," he declared.

The powerful Tel Aviv Labour Council secretary, Uri Alpert yesterday drew attention when he strongly opposed changing the original Histadrut poll deadline, speaking at the Labour Party Central Committee debate on Histadrut affairs held in the evening. He said the trade unions would be so busy with the renewal of the collective labour contracts early in 1974 that they would not have time for the Histadrut elections.

The fact that Mr. Alpert, a key member of the ex-Mapam Gush and a veteran trade unionist leader, should adopt this view was interpreted as indicating either a somersault in the inner Party's circle, or that the Gush is divided on this major issue.

Party information chief Dov Tza-

ILP backs Katchalski assured win on first ballot

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Independent Liberal Party Executive Committee resolved by a vote of 10 to 2 to back Prof. Ephraim Katchalski for the Presidency. Prof. Katchalski was thereby assured a clear majority in the first of the presidential ballot day in the Knesset.

The motion at the ILP was moved by Party Chair Tourism Minister Moshe Katsman supported by other prominent leaders, including Knesset deon Hausner and Histadrut head Hillel Seidel.

Yitzhak Alpert's proposal the candidacy of Prof. Epi Katchalski received only nine party's youth division holding that the ILP should automatically back every Labour Party.

As Prof. Katchalski's election came a near-certainty, the party's public opinion poll closed to disband and stop again to get Deputy Knesser Yitzhak Navon elected of Israel. This followed the ing with Mr. Navon who in strong terms to drop it. He explained that as Party Member he was bound decision in favour of Prof. Katchalski.

Pat Boone h with 'Jumbo' for Jesus' to

LOD AIRPORT. — U.S. Boone arrived here yesterday head of a "Jumbo for Jesus" tour. His wife, Si four daughters are an group's 412 members.

The group, believed the largest Christian pilgrimage ever to arrive here, is in a chartered El Al jumbo 10-day tour. The "J Jesus" tour, which is org Gaylord Briley, is a fu trip for the Bethlehem Children's Hospital.

Pat Boone brought along vision camera crew to film for a special show to be new Christmas.

In addition to visiting group will make an air rael. At the end of their will be the guests of the Jerusalem at a farewell and will attend a folklor at Kibbutz Ayelet Hashah Pat Boone will sing w performers.

Arab emiss for JDL si awaiting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Emmanuel Khoury, U Arab who intends to fly t to raise funds for the J fence League, was still in Israel yesterday as the authorities considered w grant him a visa. Mr. wants to raise funds for a campaign to persuade Is to leave the country.

Earlier this week he a passport by the Inter try after a magistrate in accepted a IL\$500 bond and ordered the police to their objections to his had been involved in the A spokesman at the bassy denied J.D.L. sh Mr. Khoury had been v visa. He had applied for days ago, the spokesman, his application was being. The spokesman said he know what the event would be.

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ASHDOD. — A large sh frozen vegetables destined was yesterday loaded a Japanese refrigerated shi Star.

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Missing stowaway said to be Eilat man

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israeli stowaway who jumped off a Liberian ship near Gibraltar last week is probably a 23-year-old Eilat resident believed to be mentally unstable, police said here yesterday. He has not yet been found.

The captain of the ship, the m.s. Antilla, which has meanwhile reached England, cabled the Coastal Police that he believed the man either reached shore or was picked up by a fishing vessel. He said he was sure the man did not drown since the weather was fine and the sea calm.

The man apparently jumped overboard on the morning of March 29, while the crew was at breakfast. He was wearing a red life jacket.

The ship transmitted "man overboard" signals to all vessels in the area and to the Gibraltar and Cadiz radio stations. Two Spanish Navy helicopters systematically searched the area, but did not find the missing man.

He said the stowaway had left behind only his jacket and a small bag containing medicines.

Family objects but autopsy ordered of drowned tourist

ASHKELON. — A local magistrate yesterday ordered an autopsy to be performed on the body of a German woman tourist who drowned off Ashkelon's beach Wednesday afternoon — although the woman's family objected to a post mortem.

Dorothea Hoffer, 37, went swimming with another member of a tourist group. The two were swept out by undercurrents, but the other woman managed to make it back to shore. Miss Hoffer disappeared some 150 metres from the beach. Her body was washed ashore a quarter of an hour later.

Father Peter Stark, leader of the tour group, told the court the victim's family objected to the autopsy, since a number of eye-witnesses saw her drown. The court, however, granted a police request to have the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir determine the cause of death.

BULLDOZERS have demolished two condemned buildings in "Achziv-land," the self-proclaimed state of Eilat, the "hermit of Achziv." Acting under court order, local authorities also trimmed his tiny country by moving a fence deeper into his territory.

GOLDA TO WRITE HER MEMOIRS

Prime Minister Golda Meir has agreed to write her memoirs and has entrusted the publication of her book to Sir George Weidenfeld, the London publisher. This was announced in Jerusalem yesterday by Asher Weill, managing director of Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Jerusalem Ltd.

The contract for publication of the book was signed in Jerusalem on Wednesday. Mr. Weill said. The book is planned for simultaneous publication in the spring of 1975 by Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Jerusalem and London, and by G.P. Putnam Inc. in New York.

Mrs. Meir, acting in her capacity as chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee, toured the Nuclear Research Centre at Nahal Sorek yesterday. She addressed the Centre's workers briefly after receiving explanations from the management on the atomic reactor and other installations there.

Cricket season opens tomorrow

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's 1973 cricket season opens tomorrow, with Ramle and "Young Ashdod" meeting at Ashdod in the local Cricket Association's fifth annual cup final. The competition was contested by some 25 clubs from all over the country.

The match, which starts at 10 a.m., was scheduled to be held last November, but was rained off without a ball being bowled.

Both teams — all of whose members are settlers from India and Pakistan — are in the final for the first time, following three successive cup victories by Ashdod's "senior" cricket team, Ashdod "A."

In 1968, the trophy was won by Haifa. The hosts will be captained by medium-paced bowler Danny Ben-Shimon, while all-rounder Ezra Ashtamkar leads Ramle.

Highlight of the 1973 season will be the five-nation tournament of July's Ninth Maccabiah, in which cricket is being included in the games for the first time.

Restaurateur's car burned in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — A car belonging to a local restaurateur was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

Police said the fire was a clear case of arson. The car, owned by Shimon Gamliel, who owns a restaurant in Kerem Hateimanim, was parked at the corner of Aharonson and Hayarkon streets.

Payis winners

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 306418 and 703412. No. 133031 won IL50,000. Numbers 383074 and 515715 won IL12,500. Tickets 043636, 123144, 480810 and 564392 won IL6,250. Tickets ending in 8 won IL4.

The following won IL1,250: 239459, 425250, 627086, 783205, 733791, 263832, 375418, 510503, 723472, 236038, 381752, 491906, 688201, 223367, 363159, 471899, 684785, 153851, 277607, 428823 and 676098.



Two members of the five-member delegation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), here to complete their investigation into the downing of a Libyan jet by Israel air force planes in Sinai in February, seen yesterday after leaving the room of the Libyan co-pilot, Yunis el-Mehdi, at Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem. They spoke to the pilot for over an hour. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Dr. King Sr.: Soviets can't break Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the late U.S. civil rights leader, said yesterday he predicted 50 years ago that the Communist regime would not be able to destroy the Jewish spirit. Dr. King was speaking to recent immigrants from the U.S.S.R., at the headquarters of the National Council for Soviet Jewry here.

Dr. King noted that yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the assassination of his son in Atlanta.

Dr. and Mrs. King spoke with Mrs. Tauba Putik, whose husband was taken off the train when they were about to leave Russia for Israel.

Dr. King wound up his visit by reciting a prayer for the salvation of the Jews "from any regime of oppression, wherever it may be."

Speaking to reporters at the Dan Hotel later, Mr. King said: "Black people in the U.S. are the world's most impatient people today. It is a sensitive people, who have waited a long time for their rights — and they're not going to wait any longer."

Mr. King, who will leave Israel this morning after a week's visit, was elected "Clergyman of the Year" by the Atlanta branch of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

A LARGE WEDDING HALL is being completed in the Galilee village of Shfar'am. Built by the municipality in a new shopping centre, the building will also house the municipal offices and commercial establishments.

Get involved, Eban urges intellectuals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday called on Israel's intellectuals and academic community to be more active and influential in political life. He said they could help the Government to steer a middle course between "obsequious defeatism" of the extreme left and the "arrogant self-assertion" of the right.

Speaking to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, Mr. Eban said the intellectual community must "come out of its detachment." He compared the intellectuals to a Greek chorus which comments in unison on events that take place — without making any effort to influence them.

The duty of the intellectuals was "neither obedience to the establishment nor unrelenting hostility to it," the Foreign Minister said. Its duty was to inject new thinking into public debate, "to close the gap between ideas and action, those who think and those who do."

Mr. Eban sought the intellectuals' support for his views on the administered areas. He said that he deduced a philosophical classification: he was hawkish on questions of security and dovish on the need to return heavily populated areas.

At the moment, he said, Israelis have a monopoly of power and a monopoly of citizenship in the Land of Israel west of the Jordan. This situation gives rise to no moral or practical dangers so long as it is understood to be temporary. Indeed, Eban had "well seized" the opportunities provided by the 1967 war in the field of trade and human relations, he said.

But any blueprint envisioning the permanent absorption of one million Arabs into Israel without full citizenship rights was untenable, the Foreign Minister said.

It was wrong to question the "inherent logic of Partition" which was the basis of Zionist political philosophy. It was equally wrong to maintain that just because it was not possible for all Palestinian Arabs to have self-determination, Israel should not try to provide it for as many of them as possible.

He spoke of a paradoxical chasm between national performance — which had been hugely successful in every field — and national morale. The "favourite word" in Israel's political debate currently was "gap." Many young people in Israel no longer subscribed to the utopian vision of Israel as a light to the nations. They were rather more pragmatic and concrete in their thinking and had broken away from historic Zionist thought-patterns, he said.

But although a small minority gravitated towards extremism on the left or the right, the "central body" of the country was healthy in spirit and identified broadly with the policies pursued by the Government, the Foreign Minister said.

Road telephones for emergency care

Emergency telephones linked directly to Magen David Adom headquarters will be installed along the Tel Aviv-Hadera highway this year at two-kilometre intervals to enable speedy evacuation of road accident victims.

More telephones will be set up later on the Tel Aviv-Ashdod, Tel Aviv-Jerusalem and Hadera-Haifa highways. Upon receiving a call, Magen David Adom will be able automatically to pinpoint the accident site.

Soviet immigrant engineers wanted for T.A. subway

TEL AVIV. — Transport Minister Shimon Peres has asked the Absorption Ministry to refer 20 or 30 new immigrant engineers from the Soviet Union to the team planning the proposed rapid-transit train system for the Greater Tel Aviv area.

In a meeting with the management of Netiv Ayalon, which is to carry out the project, Mr. Peres said this would help overcome the shortage of professional planning manpower for the system.

Mr. Peres told a traffic safety conference at the Hilton Hotel Wednesday night that the first stage of the mass transport system could be completed in four years, at a cost of IL500m. Eventually, the system would include elevated trains branching out as far as Herzliya, Ramle and Bat Yam, while Tel Aviv itself would have a sophisticated network of underground trains. He defended the rapid transit solution to Tel Aviv's traffic problems, saying it was more realistic than banning car imports or trying to keep private vehicles out of the city.

School renamed for Herzog

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Kfar Saba. — The Midrashiyat Noam religious junior high school here has been renamed in memory of the late Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Ya'acov Herzog. The campus of the boarding school was named Kiryat Ya'acov Herzog.

Taking part in the ceremony earlier this week were Dr. Herzog's mother, Rahamim Sarah Herzog, his widow, Pina Herzog, his brother, Aluf (res.) Haim Herzog, the President of the Hebrew University, Mr. Avraham Harman, and representatives of the Prime Minister's Office and of the Ministries of Religious Affairs and of Education.

Probe into high school finances

'We want to study' shout pupils at Rishon school

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A stream of d-aving high school pupils d Herzl Street, one of the main traffic arteries, for n hour yesterday.

c 250 pupils from the Tichon h high school walked across rth across a pedestrian cross-creating queues of cars on ides of the road.

pupils were protesting a by their teachers, who say have not been paid for the two months, and a rumour he Ministry of Education has d to withdraw recognition he school.

r the teachers decided to re-o work after the Education ry said it would pay their ill the end of the year.

youngsters blocking the road d "We want to study." Three were detained before the de-tors were dispersed by police. ce are reportedly investigating scale financial irregularities e school, which is privately

owned. Inaccuracies were reportedly found in the lists of pupils eligible to receive tuition subsidies, which are paid directly to the school by the Education Ministry.

An internal controller unit of the Education Ministry had investigated the school earlier, and called in the police after the discovery of the financial irregularities.

At a meeting between the teachers, the Mayor of Rishon, Haiman Gilestein, and representatives of the municipality's education department yesterday the teachers agreed to return to work this morning in view of the Ministry announcement.

Meanwhile, a feeling of uncertainty was felt at the school yesterday afternoon as the pupils, more than 60 per cent of whom are not local residents, feared for their future studies. Mr. Gilestein has promised to try and help "find arrangements" for the next year for those pupils who are residents of Rishon. The teachers are also uncertain of their future, since it appears likely that the school will be closed down at the end of this school year.

Hillel: police can't solve every problem

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police Minister Hillel yesterday called public realization that the cannot solve all of society's ills.

aking at the 13th annual con-ere of Israel's Rotary

Mr. Hillel said his was one e few ministries which re-the budget it requested. But oluce could deal only with oms, not causes. The causes me and delinquency could be ated only by society as a

situation of the man who attempts to control a malaria outbreak by killing off the mosquitoes instead of drying up the swamps where they breed," he said.

Mr. Hillel called on voluntary organizations, such as Rotary, to help cope with the social conditions which breed crime. "If funds and manpower were enough to eradicate crime, then the rich nations of the world would be crime-free," he said.

Among the conference guests was the Governor of the Hyderabad Rotary Club India, Jamshid Dimshe Italia, who told the local Rotarians that he had not brought his wife along "because of a misconception about the situation here. But contrary to my expectations, I find a very peaceful country."

The conference was also addressed by another guest from India, Santos Agravala of Behar, and by Rotary International Vice-President, Jules Flock of the U.S.

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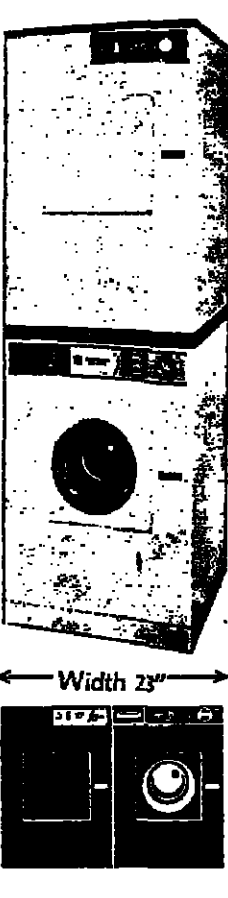
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Iraqi F.M. to begin border talks in Kuwait

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Iraqi Foreign Minister Murtada Abdul-Baqi al-Hadithi is scheduled to arrive in Kuwait today for negotiations over the two countries' two-week old border crisis — which was yesterday injected with new tension as Kuwait rejected Baghdad's claim over part of its territory, including two strategic islands in the Persian Gulf.

The two countries yesterday summoned top level government meetings to determine their positions in today's negotiations, the first to be held between the two sides since Iraq took over a Kuwaiti northern border stretch in a military night action a fortnight ago.

Following the Kuwaiti Government meeting, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber reassured that today's negotiations with Iraq would be based on the two countries' border agreements of 1932 and 1963. Iraq had indicated recently that these were not valid in its view.

Kuwait's Minister of State, Abdul-Aziz Hussein, said that the border crisis remained yesterday unchanged. He said that the Iraqis had not "completed" their withdrawal from Kuwait's northern territory. Thus he indicated that Baghdad had nevertheless pulled out some of its forces from the occupied frontier stretch which the Iraqis said they would be willing to evacuate in exchange for two Kuwaiti islands, Bubiyan and Warba.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's leading newspapers yesterday lashed at the Iraqi Foreign Minister for voicing territorial claims against Kuwait. They took special note of his remark that not only the border issue was on outstanding question but "the whole of Kuwait is disputed."

"If we accept this philosophy," said the "As-Siyassa" newspaper, "it means that the Jews who are occupying Palestine are in their promised land and that Bahrain was also part of Iran."

Another newspaper, "Ar-Rai al-Am," challenged the Iraqi Foreign Minister to produce documents which he claimed prove that Kuwait belonged to Iraq.



Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme (at right with wool hat) stands next to Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin during a fishing expedition at Goteborg Wednesday. (AP radiophoto)

Israelis and Kosygin

(Continued from Page One)

would treat Soviet Jews more humanely.

Kosygin retorted, "You obviously believe that the U.S. aggression against Vietnam was just and that little Israel could be an aggressor too ... Regarding the tax law certainly no legislative moves in other countries could influence our decision. The official organs in the Soviet Union have a right to determine whether an individual is well off enough to pay compensation for tuition if leaving the Soviet Union. But as many cases have shown this compensation can be waived in cases where individuals do not have the means."

Mr. Kosygin said: "Tens of thousands of Palestinians have been forced for many years to eke out a miserable existence in tents in the desert." The world must recognize the injustice that had been done to the Palestinian people and the aggression that was still being committed by Israel, the Soviet leader said.

In a general review of the world situation Mr. Kosygin pointed to West Germany's treaties with Moscow and Poland, the four-power agreement on Berlin and the success of the U.S.-Soviet Salt talks as indications of détente. He said it was obvious that both the U.S. and the

Soviet Union were seeking a relaxation of world tension.

Mr. Kosygin said that Peking's claim that the Soviet Union is threatening China was a "lie from beginning to end." The Kremlin leader also said he trusted U.S. President Nixon to continue to honour the Paris peace agreement on Vietnam.

"The Soviet and Swedish governments agreed that they will do their utmost to enable the European security conference to take place next June. This is in the interest of all countries. If you analyze recent events such as developments on the German question and the Salt talks, you will find that all nations, including the U.S., want to solve international problems peacefully."

He emphasized that "the main question" today is to turn India, China, including Laos and Cambodia, into "an area of stable peace."

Questioned about the Vietnamese prisoner exchanges, he said "that is a matter for the Vietnamese themselves and we are sure they will try to solve it in a correct way. Our task is to lend support to both sides to ensure full implementation of the accords."

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

U.K. students start campus 'gay' clubs

EXETER, England (AP). — Britain's students yesterday launched a campaign to end prejudice against homosexuals and set up a chain of 700 "gay" clubs on university and college campuses.

The National Union of Students (N.U.S.), which is holding its annual conference at Exeter, in south-west England, sponsored the campaign with a "gay" dance last night.

Student leaders told the conference in a debate on homosexuality on Wednesday that 25,000 of the 500,000 N.U.S. members were gay.

A resolution which was passed overwhelmingly said the prevailing air of prejudice and hostility caused homosexuals to live in isolation and despair.

Children should be taught at school that homosexuality was a natural and acceptable sexual attitude, the students said.

Egypt's weapons 'just as good as Israel's'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian War Minister Ahmed Imam Ali yesterday warned his country's troops not to be taken in by the psychological war aimed at weakening Cairo's insistence to fight. Egypt was "determined to enter the battle," he said.

Cairo radio quoted the Egyptian war minister as saying during a visit to his troops that they now possessed up-to-date weapons "just as good as Israel's." It was continuing training we will surely achieve victory for our country."

Cairo's news media continued to sound the war drums in Egypt, now involved in a large-scale political reorganization following last week's takeover of the country's top functions by President Anwar Sadat.

The Cairo news media mentioned a meeting Deputy Premier Abdel-Kader Hatem had yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov, but gave no details.

Meat prices up in Egypt

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian housewives are paying about one-fourth more for meat than a year ago, and they can buy it legally only four days a week. The price of milk has jumped by nearly half, and fish costs twice as much as it did last year.

But relief may be coming. To head off further increases in the cost of living, the government is expected to impose far-reaching price controls in the coming weeks. President Anwar Sadat has notified his new Cabinet that it has two months to clear up what he calls the "people's problems," which most shoppers would agree include inflation.

Saigon President lays wreath in Washington

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu opened a two-day official visit to Washington yesterday with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, where many of the 48,000 Americans who died in Vietnam are buried.

Tight security was in force around the grounds of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, but there were no demonstrators to be seen. About 100 tourists and a dozen or so South Vietnamese living in the U.S. were on hand for the 10-minute ceremony.

President Thieu arrived in Washington on Wednesday following two days of talks with President Nixon at the western White House in San Clemente, California.

In his bid for continued American support for his government, President Thieu was scheduled to confer with Vice-President Spiro Agnew, his official host in Washington, and then meet Members of Congress, which must approve spending on Vietnam aid. He was also due to meet Robert McNamara, President of the World Bank, and Pierre-Paul Schweitzer, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, to try to enlist international backing for his country's reconstruction.

N.Y. POLI DEFUSE BO INSIDE BI

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A powerful time bomb found a long distance bus here after an anonymous teletype had demanded a \$200,000 ransom. The bomb, described by powerful enough to have the bus and killed every man in a brown suitcase gage compartment of a Greyhound bus about to York's midtown terminal sachsets.

The bus was hurriedly and police there removed which they described as "pipe bomb," and defused.

Police, in fact, reached the bus a few minutes after its departure time of 11:30 p.m. It had been delayed by passenger who had been and had to be removed.

U.S. diplomat set up Peking off

TOKYO (AP). — A diplomatic advance party arrived in Peking by air the new Chinese New Year.

The Americans had earlier en route to the capital to arrange the establishment of the U.S. liaison mission. Mr. Penkings will be chief of mission David is expected in Peking city of April or early in May.

The Chinese said their representatives will arrive in sometime this month.

PREMIER BURMA W

RANGOON (Reuter). — Premier Ne Win was in today to a history tour University, Ni Ni Myint.

A brief official announcement said the marriage was carried out in traditional Burmese style.

The 61-year-old Premier took over in a bloodless coup in 1962, was w/ September 30, when his May Than died in a London.

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Vatican WW II papers: 'Pope's efforts failed'

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope Pius XII made unsuccessful attempts to find homes for refugees in World War II, wartime documents released on Wednesday by the Vatican reveal.

The Pope was said to have urged Brazilian President Getulio Vargas to admit 3,000 refugees. Vargas agreed, but on condition that all refugees be farmers and Jews who converted to Catholicism before 1935.

Even then, Brazilian consular officers delayed the approval of the visas, the Vatican said, leading to capture of 150 refugees by the advancing German armies in Holland.

The documents cited "anti-Semitic opinion, notably in Latin America." There was also opposition in Chile and Bolivia to the refugees. Ireland denied permits for some on grounds that its own doctors were unemployed.

Michael Cardinal Faulhaber wrote to the Pontiff for all German bishops in March 1939 saying that "the United States remains unwilling to change its immigration quota."

"The Church," the documents stated, "found itself submerged in a flood of requests, which became more difficult to satisfy."

On the diplomatic front, the Vatican said it spurned all pleas to help the fall of Fascism in Italy in the internal affairs of Italy, which the 1929 Lateran Pact between Fascist Italy and the Holy See ruled out.

The Vatican said it even refused to intervene in May 1943, when the United States indicated it would be willing to talk peace with Italy if Mussolini were deposed. "How can you tell Mussolini to step out?" Magr. Domenico Tardini, the Vatican's foreign minister, wrote. "The Vatican's foreign minister, wrote. 'The allies have blasted him as a criminal so how can we tell him: 'Go and get shot by the allies.'"

INDIA BACKS SOVIET BID FOR ASIA SECURITY SETUP

By TREVOR DRIEBERG

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI — India fully supports the Soviet proposal for an Asian security system. This support is spelled out in the coming weeks in the annual report of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs tabled in Parliament.

Moscow showed its interest in a security setup for Asia in a speech Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev made in November 1968. Soviet publicity organs have been campaigning for it strongly in the last three months or so.

Inviting other Asian countries to consider the Soviet plan, the ministry report assures them the Soviet leaders "did not conceive of collective security in the form of military blocs and groupings but rather founded on principles such as renunciation of force, respect for sovereignty and inviolability of frontiers, noninterference in internal affairs and the development of economic and other cooperation between states."

Another important policy pronouncement in the report makes it clear that "cooperation and understanding with the Soviet Union will continue to be a basic feature of India's foreign policy." It says India sincerely believes that this is in the interests not only of India and the Soviet Union but also peace in this region and the world at large.

After listing some barriers to better relations between India and China, the report says that by the end of 1972, "there seemed to be a certain change in the Chinese attitude." It adds: "India is still willing and ready to hold bilateral discussions with China on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence subscribed to by both."

The report says that India be-

lieves "there need be no conflict of basic interests with the U.S." and that their relations must therefore "be put on a realistic basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit." Although the governments of the two countries may disagree on some international issues, "this should not prevent friendship and cooperation between them based on an understanding of each other's points of view."

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Salisbury tries to end deadlock

SALISBURY (AP). — Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith announced in Parliament yesterday he is to make a new bid to end the eight-year-old deadlock with the British Government over Rhodesia's independence.

Mr. Smith revealed that his government will try to convince London that the 1971 settlement terms agreed by the two governments are now acceptable to the majority of Rhodesians. The commission headed by Lord Pearce, sent to Rhodesia last year to test the acceptability of the terms agreed by Mr. Smith and British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, ruled that the majority of Africans were duty in the main bazaar area of against the proposed agreement.

One report here said the Chogval's (ruler's) son, the crown prince, had personally shot three people yesterday as the unrest continued.

The trouble began last week amid charges of rigging of the recent elections and accusations of misuse of Indian aid. At least 20 people are reported to have been injured in the police firing.

PTI said armed police were on duty in the main bazaar area of against the proposed agreement.

THE BOOK BOUTIQUE

THE name "The Book Boutique" is rather pretentious for a second-hand paperback bookshop which is utterly unpretentious in decor. It is just an ordinary-looking little shop lined with bookshelves at a not-very-fashionable address, 173 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, just north of Nordau Boulevard.

But the proprietor of The Book Boutique has added something very strange which gives his shop that "special" touch. He has a hot water machine, and offers every customer free coffee or tea with sugar and milk.

"Riv" Finder is a Californian and describes himself as a former "drifter," who has been travelling around Europe and Africa the past few years. (James Michener's "The Drifters" is currently in the shop window.) Though his name would not indicate it, "Riv" — as his friends call him — is Jewish. "I almost became a rabbi once," he says. This is his second stay in Israel and his first venture in business. Expected, with a neat trim beard and longish but neat hair, "Riv" Finder looks like he should be managing a book store — or perhaps standing up at an upright desk in a Dickens' novel.

The three-week-old shop is quite well stocked, with 1,500 titles, including an excellent selection of mysteries and modern novels. The shop deals only in English works and only in paperback.

Another innovation in the shop is its working schedule. Shop hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, non-stop, 9 to late afternoon on Friday, and 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday. I asked Mr. Finder if he thought business could prosper in this out-of-the-way location for a book shop. He replied that besides the immediate neighbourhood, he hopes to catch many people who use the Ibn Gvirol bridge as their exit to the city's northern suburbs. Without a car, the shop can be reached easily on the No. 5 bus to Nordau Boulevard.

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Fatah man gets 18 mos. for bringing arms to U.K.

LONDON (Reuters). — A 24-year-old Palestinian Arab was sentenced to 18 months in prison yesterday for bringing a suitcase containing a handgun and a pistol to London's Heathrow Airport last December 25.

Palestinian, who was tried at Old Bailey Central Criminal Court under the name of Moham Abdul Karim Fuheid, was not guilty of knowingly posing explosives.

He admitted to being a member of the Fatah organization, which he had been taking to Stockholm, where he had handed it over to a man who was in an operation at Israel's in Sweden.

He denied knowing the suitcase contained explosives, and the court accepted his defence.



Cambodian children — one with a rifle and another with field radio — accompany older troops on a recent sweep near Phnom Penh. (AP radiophoto)

FALSE NAME
Palestinian told the court the name Mohammed Abdul Fuheid was his name for the mission. He also had a Fatah name, Faris Mekda. He refused to give his real name, to "protect" himself in Jordan.

He said he had picked up the suitcase at a hotel in Beirut. He carried a Browning automatic pistol and 51 rounds of ammunition, but he said he was not of 14 kilos of plastic explosives, detonators and firing devices hidden in the false bottom of the suitcase.

He told the court that he had taken part in the Fatah operation on the understanding that it was not dangerous.

He said he had originally Fatah to fight the Israelis, underwent commando training in Jordan. But he denied any knowledge of the Black September terrorism.

ARMS CACHE FROM B.O.A.C.
LONDON (AP). — During the last months of 1972 searches of luggage on an international British airline uncovered 10 shotguns, 332 rounds of ammunition, 633 rounds of ammunition, 67 air gun pellets, 245 knives, 67 and 5 crossbows.

The finds on British Airways Airways Corp. (B.O.A.C.) flights were released by Aerospace Minister Michael Heseltine who asked Parliament on Wednesday for powers of arrest and detention "unprecedented in peacetime" to defeat piracy and air terrorism.

Without a vote, the House of Commons passed the second reading of the Protection of Aircraft bill. It now goes for detailed examination before a third reading.

Luxemburg police alert with Israeli in song fest

LUXEMBOURG (Reuters). — The presence of Israeli singer Ilanit caused pop stars here for the 1973 Eurovision Song Contest to rehearse under the tightest security ever imposed on the annual event. Ilanit will sing "Somewhere" in the first entry by an Israeli at the competition.

Armed gendarmes from the Grand Duchy's police force will be out in strength all week, as singers from 17 nations prepare for Saturday's show. The tough security measures include special newsmen's passes checked by the Interpol Police Organization in Paris.

Officials' biggest fear is a repetition of last year's massacre at the Munich Olympics or the slaying of three diplomats in Khartoum in February — both carried out by Arab terrorists.

To avoid bomb attempts, or even hoax telephone calls disrupting the meticulously rehearsed proceedings, the modern Luxembourg Theatre will be thoroughly searched from top to bottom just before the show goes on the air. After the search, everyone entering the building will be carefully scrutinized, pockets searched, and handbags examined. Photographers will be asked to take a trial picture of the ceiling, just to make sure they have no concealed cameras.

Together with security problems, hard-pressed officials are faced with considerable communications difficulties. In order to relay the colour television pictures out of the Grand Duchy, they will have to use every available telephone line. "There'll be no phone calls into or out of Luxembourg on Saturday night," one official said.

This is the first song festival that Israeli Television will broadcast live by satellite. Jordan too will get the show by Telestar and it will also be seen as it happens in the Soviet Union, Turkey, Bulgaria, and Algeria.



ILANIT

French board Soviet ship after crash

BREST (AP). — A French destroyer stopped a Soviet cargo vessel in the Atlantic yesterday and sent a boarding party to order the ship to return to French waters after it apparently rammed and sank a French fishing trawler, authorities said.

The trawler, the Dany Gerard, out of the Brittany port of Locudy, was lost with six men aboard.

French naval authorities said the Soviet cargo ship was stopped after a French Air Force helicopter took photographs of it clearly showing traces of a collision on its hull.

The freighter, identified as the Jussany Burg, reported by radio at 0600 GMT that the trawler had sunk but without giving additional details. The Soviet vessel remained in the area of the collision until about 0900 when it resumed its course toward the northwest.

It was at this point, navy authorities said that they decided to intercept the freighter.

The destroyer Le Corse and a patrol boat, the Le Cantho, caught up with the Jussany Burg and sent a boarding party onto the freighter. At midday it was being escorted to Brest.

Rescue vessels later found debris and belongings from the trawler but no trace of its crew.

U.S. ready to discuss Albania ties

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland (UPI). — Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush said yesterday the U.S. was willing to begin discussions of possible diplomatic relations with Albania.

"In light of our expanding ties with all other countries in eastern Europe, it seems anachronistic that Albania should continue to wish to function in such isolation," Mr. Rush said in a speech at the annual students' conference on foreign affairs.

"Albania still speaks of us in the contentions of an earlier era. Whether it wishes to resume relations we do not know. If and when it does, it will find us prepared to respond," he said.

In Washington, administration officials said Mr. Rush's speech was the first time any high official had publicly mentioned the question of relations with Albania.

U.S. prices rise as consumers continue to spurn meat

WASHINGTON. — The wholesale price of U.S. farm goods rose by 6.1 per cent last month, the biggest increase for 26 years, the Commerce Department said yesterday. The overall price index rose by 2.2 per cent, the largest gain since January 1951.

The increases were announced as large numbers of American housewives were in the fifth day of a meat boycott in protest against skyrocketing prices.

Fish prices soared higher yesterday as wholesalers tried to cash in on the meat boycott by an estimated 50 per cent of U.S. housewives. But while one major New York fish dealer reported a 10 per cent leap in fish prices during the night there were signs that the week-long nationwide meat boycott was having little effect on the cost of beef, lamb and pork.

Wholesalers refused to be beaten down by angry housewives — they simply bought less from farmers and kept the prices up. Even supermarket chains, while reporting sales down 50 to 80 per cent in some areas, refused to lower meat prices very much, if at all.

As the boycott went into its fifth day, many restaurants have reported a 30 to 50 per cent drop in meat dishes. Others reported that men were ordering meat dishes for lunch — but when their wives accompanied them for a meal out meat consumption was down conspicuously.

WHOLESALE JUMP
Yesterday's Commerce Department report on the surge in prices, led by a 4.6 per cent jump in the wholesale costs of farm products and processed foods, offered no let up in consumer prices at the retail level for at least the next several months. It also forecast further troubles for President Richard Nixon's efforts to curb inflation.

U.S. consumer protests against rising meat prices are being taken up by Australian women with a demonstration due today in Melbourne.

Members of the Union of Australian Women, the Women's Liberation Movement and the Women's Electoral Lobby will protest and seek support from women shoppers for a meatless week. Pamphlets will be distributed with simple recipes for nonmeat dishes to aid housewives.

In Tokyo, five major Japanese consumer organizations yesterday announced a nationwide boycott of textile goods to force down prices allegedly boosted by the hoarding activities of major trading firms.

The same five groups were involved in a highly successful boycott of colour television some years ago, forcing local manufacturers to drop a dual price system which featured a higher domestic price to subsidize export drives. (AP, Reuters)

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Another police station blasted in Cyprus

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Masked raiders blew up a Cyprus police station yesterday, keeping up the campaign of violence officially attributed to backers of Enosis, or union with Greece.

And in a move to take some of the heat out of the situation the government took steps to still the war of words which has sprung up in the island's 11 Greek-language newspapers between supporters and opponents of Enosis. The Attorney General announced that from yesterday the penal code would be invoked against publications attacking or insulting the police or the national guard, or those likely to spread fear and despondency.

The attack on the police post at Angastina early yesterday was the third of its kind in two days. After machinegunning the station and forcing the six policemen inside to leave, the raiders exploded petrol bombs and dynamite which gutted the building.

In the verbal battle opposition papers, founded to promote the cause of former EOKA guerrilla leader George Grivas and his goal of Enosis, have accused the government of legalising para-state forces by setting up auxiliary police under military control to combat terrorist attacks.

On the other hand left-wing papers have conducted an unrelenting campaign against the Greek Army officers who control the 10,000-strong Cyprus National Guard, conscripted from the Greek Cypriot community.

The violence of the past few months has cast a shadow on the continuing talks aimed at reconciling the island's Greek and Turkish communities after nine years of separatism. Grivas supporters have vowed to resist any accord which rules out the prospect of Enosis in favour of a reunited and permanent independent administration shared between the two communities.

Retarded son, 20, kept in closet three years

TULSA, Oklahoma (UPI). — Police answering a disturbance call in a wealthy neighbourhood Wednesday found a 20-year-old man who had been confined to a water heater closet without a bath, haircut or change of clothing for three years, officials said.

The man's mother was charged with child abuse and assaulting a policeman.

"When I first saw the boy, it scared me and made me sick," said Deputy Buddy Warren. "I looked in the water heater closet and there he was, standing there sleeping."

"All I could see was his hair, and the smell and I backed up," he said.

Warren said the youth, Nick Arevalos, had been forced to sleep standing up for almost three years. He said the son was apparently retarded.

"He had long hair, below his shoulder in length. It stuck straight out and hadn't been washed in over two years. He had a long beard, mustache, and was slick with oil and grease," Warren said.

"He had approximately three pounds of cigarette wrappers and things in his pocket, which he had picked up off the floor."

His feet had about an inch of callouses on them, and his toenails were better than an inch long and had worn through the ends of his shoes.

Warren said the boy's mother had to be taken by force to the patrol car.

The deputy said Arevalos would not look up, but stared down all the time. "We haven't got him to look off the floor at this time," he said.

Warren said the boy's father, a labourer, was "kind of meek" and allowed his wife to blindfold him before he left for work each morning to keep him from looking at women through the car window.

The deputy said she also cut "offensive" pictures out of the newspaper, and regulated the use of the television.

The boy was given a bath, a haircut, and a bed by authorities after he was taken from the family's \$45,000 home on Tulsa's fashionable East Side.

Warren said Arevalos would undergo psychiatric tests next week. Two younger sisters, 8 and 14, were placed in a juvenile shelter.

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MEETING ISRAEL'S 'CHALLENGE'

By GEORGE LEONOF

AGE was possibly one factor, and my complexion another — I'm not the blue-eyed, flaxen-haired 'typical Aryan,' said Richard Kalzdorf, hedging in response to a question as to why he had been chosen to handle Lufthansa's operations in Israel when the route was opened in 1968.

He was born in 1933, the year Hitler came to power. But it neither his age, nor his brown eyes and hair prompt association with the Nazi era, acquaintance with his record indicating that professional ability carried rather more weight with the airline when it came to decide on the man to represent it in Israel. His appointment also made him the first permanent West German representative of a commercial enterprise in this country.

Lufthansa had previously made full use of Kalzdorf's early-acquired experience in the travel trade, including in places where even direct Nazi association would not necessarily disqualify. He was posted in eight countries in as many years. Today he ends a 4½ year tour of duty in Israel, having been transferred to Toronto, Canada.

"I was completely puzzled by the decision to send me to Israel, but I sensed a challenge of the sort I had not encountered before, both because it was Israel and because it meant building up a route from scratch."

"It was not mistaken about the challenge," he recalls. It started with the hunt for a staff — today the airline employs 14 Israelis and three Germans. But the particular sensitivity of the Israel market to terrorist activities, or even threats and, sometimes rumours, were something far more difficult to overcome.

"The most critical year, of course, was 1972," he recalls. In February that year five Arab terrorists hijacked a Lufthansa Boeing 747 to Aden. Lufthansa paid a ransom of \$5m. for release of the Jumbo and its passengers, but the hijackers subsequently said they would hijack more Lufthansa planes. Then came the Sabena hijacking, the murder of Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich, and the Lod massacre. None of these involved Lufthansa directly, but all airlines were affected in the general decline of tourism that followed.

"Then, last October, came the worst incident of all with the hijacking of the Lufthansa plane on October 29 and the release by the German authorities under threat and pressure of time, of the three Munich murderers."

Kalzdorf at the time was in Cologne for his mother's 70th birthday. He rushed to Lufthansa headquarters in Frankfurt on hearing news of the hijacking and remained there throughout the negotiations.

"I personally share the belief that the hijackers meant business when they threatened to blow up the plane, and know that the German decision was motivated first and



Richard Kalzdorf with his wife, Gisela, and two children, Michael and Suzanne.

foremost by concern for the passengers. Still, I demanded to know, 'What shall I tell the Israelis?' — for I was returning the next day."

His first concern on coming back to Tel Aviv was over the attitude of the Israeli staff. "I felt they wanted to hear more than the official statements, and I called a meeting at which I tried to explain the motives which led to the release of the terrorists. I also had to tell them while everyone deplored what had occurred, I could not help feeling the Israelis were overreacting

in their condemnation of West Germany."

The Kalzdorfs can recall no unpleasant incident personally affecting them. On the contrary, both were struck by examples of Israeli tolerance.

He says that while not all people he met were polite, they were without exception frank and businesslike. He mentioned an incident when an electrician, aged about 40, came to repair the lighting in the Kalzdorfs' Herzliya Pithua home. "We had a vodka, and got to talking on the terrace," he says, "when the electrician casually remarked, 'I know Germany, I was there as a child. My parents were killed by the Nazis, and I returned after the war to testify at a trial.' There was no sarcasm in his attitude."

His wife, Gisela, was "constantly surprised by how well we were received... somehow we anticipated more bitterness. She was particularly touched by a horse-and-cart vegetable dealer who not only came around regularly and gave her polite service, but even helped and advised her in gardening. "Once, while we were conversing in German he said in an offhand manner, 'Ach, ya, I remember Auschwitz...'"

Mr. Kalzdorf does not think Israel's civil aviation policy is more protectionist with regard to El Al than the policies of other countries to their national airlines, although "German policy is somewhat more liberal."

With regard to charter flights, he understood Israel's caution but did not agree that charters generally take business away from scheduled airlines. Charters cater to a special clientele, offering package tours at popular prices, particularly to faraway, exotic places.

He pointed out that even El Al cannot depend on Israel's domestic travel potential, and the main business is from the incoming trade. He felt certain Israel's aviation policy, made in the best interests of El Al, also considers the effect on the country's economy.

Teenagers smash records

AMERICA'S swift teen-age girls smashed three national records Wednesday on the opening day of the Amateur Athletic Union's indoor short course swim championships in Cincinnati.

The most impressive record-breaking victory was posted by Kenna Rothhammer, who whipped Australian whiz Shane Gould again in a freestyle duel.

Kenna Rothhammer, a 16-year-old high school sophomore from Santa Clara, California, beat Shane Gould in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:52.547. She had upset the Australian star in the 500-metre freestyle at the Olympics last year.

The pace was so swift that Miss Gould timed in 4:52.725 and third place Sandy Johnson of Carmichael, Calif., clocked in 4:53.422, all beat Debbie Meyer's American standard of 4:54.1.

Deena Dearhurst, 15, a Cincinnati high school sophomore, broke her own national record in the 100 butterfly, turning in a 56.444. Her previous mark was 56.64.

Cathy Carr, 18, a University of New Mexico freshman, snapped the American Mark in the 100 breaststroke, doing 1:06.106, that whipped out the 1:06.5 Kim Breyer set in the nationals three years ago.

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In Philadelphia, the Minnesota North Stars stole the home ice advantage from the Philadelphia Flyers with a 3-0 victory in their opening game of the Stanley Cup quarter-final.

A power play-play goal by right winger Yvan Cournoyer at 4:27 of the third period gave the Montreal Canadiens a 2-1 victory over the tenacious Buffalo Sabres and a 1-0 lead in their quarter-final.

In Chicago, Dick Redmond scored the first three-goal hat-trick of his National Hockey League career and veteran Pat Martin also scored three times, leading the Chicago Black Hawks to a 7-1 victory over the

St. Louis Blues in their opening game.

PRO BASKETBALL

JOHN Havlicek and Paul Silas triggered a 10-0 Boston spurt early in the second quarter, leading the Celtics to an easy 126-113 triumph over the Atlanta Hawks Wednesday night and giving the Atlantic Division champions a 2-0 edge in their National Basketball Association Eastern Conference semifinal playoff.

Game No. 3 in the best-of-seven series will be played at Boston tonight.

Bill Bradley and Willis Reed combined for 32 points, virtually equaling their output in two previous playoff games, and led the New York Knicks to a 103-96 victory over the Baltimore Bullets Wednesday night.

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The kibbutz as an idyll

The kibbutz can rarely have looked as good as it does in a new documentary film that had its premiere at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem this week.

The unusual 16-minute documentary, "Israeli Boy," commissioned by Encyclopaedia Britannica, describes the life of an 11-year-old who was born and raised on a kibbutz. The boy tells his own story, taking the audience on a guided tour of his kibbutz world — and zooming off to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem for a bit of perspective.

The kibbutz (Givat Haim-Hud) — horses, haystacks, sunsets and swimming pool — comes through as sheer idyllic bliss; and the aerial shots of Tel Aviv ("my grandfather remembers when it was nothing but desert") and Jerusalem ("it's so old even grandfather doesn't remember when it used to be a desert") are breathtaking.

The film, produced, written and directed by Ruth Ariella Brody, has been nominated for the "Judea Award of the Year" —

Film-maker Ruth Brody a shot.

In the "best document" "best film" categories of Jewish Audio-Visual C America.

Miss Brody, who is cago, has formed her company — Ariella F with offices in Tel Aviv her home town — and in Israel.

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Music Reviews

AS an encouraging gesture to develop a concert-going public, the IPO goes once a year to Eilat (and so does the Radio Symphony Orchestra). However not the slightest attempt was made to provide a conducive atmosphere for its performance.

The cinema was full of sunflower seeds, the concert started after 10 p.m. (after a film show) and the stage looked most uninviting: ragged curtains of doubtful cleanliness, naked bulbs in the hundreds, blinding musicians and public alike; no acoustic board or roof over the stage to direct sound towards the hall and not a flower anywhere. This was the frame for the "Special Concert."

There was a numerous and attractive audience, young and older

people, for whom this obviously was a special occasion who deserved better treatment from the authorities. At least they were not short-changed musicians, despite the late trying surroundings, tried and gave a proficient performance. Soloist Meir Rimmon played with a full, round, nice phrases though ten have been tighter to as musical impact (especially Romanza). The tendency to direct sound towards the hall is also evident in St. Rikilde's interpretations. wise, conscientious performance-like and lacked YOHANA

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AT HOME AND ABROAD

By A.S.I. ACKER

THIS is London on a summer's day. On the steps of the National Gallery two pretty girls stroll, the air like waxy sugar. Directly opposite, across Pall Mall, is the traffic, a million pigeons coo, coming of the English weather and the price of packaged bird seed.

Two girls were quite different from other, and exactly the same: one slim, plump; one fair, one dark; the one more serious, the other more pensive. One girl interested in cars, clothes, Marks and Spencers and boys — in that order. The other interests were in theatre, clothes, Marks and Spencers and boys — not necessarily in order, though.

These two young Israeli girls is a from another country: middle age. He been showing the city as if he owned it, the girls have responded as if he were to sell them it. "That's Whitehall," he pointing. "Down there are the Houses of Parliament. And over there is the Thames," not sure he's been understood, or even

the more intelligent of the two girls, "But why is it raining?"

As well, it does that sometimes in England in the summer. Now right in front of Nelson's Column, of course.

Of course, I know that. This scornfully, Danith, the more canny girl. "But who at on top of it?" And after a moment, wide impatiently — for there has been no date reply to her question — "And why wearing a funny hat?"

NG abroad is worth the money and all effort. It is in itself a good education. It improves a had one. Geography becomes history more plausible, a foreign language not something only for use in the room. In the preserved breeding areas, native Englishman, for instance, can be using English for almost all of his day needs, and not just in order to pass gracefully.

course the native Englishman is not to sound in Trafalgar Square, feeding the us. If you bump into someone in Trafalgar Square, as likely as not, you'll find Israeli. You can tell it's an Israeli because say, "Shit," and you can tell it is and because he doesn't say, "Idiot!"

near as makes no difference, both Aliza and Danith are Sebras and in England for the time. They had landed in London the us night. Being in England began not (for London Airport is a civil airport Lydd, although a bit more civil) but soon after, on the ride through the city, driver, though quite capable of steering it along the main road of Ramatana, now slipped up on the great North Circular Road. Near Hendon Junction, with a twist of the wheel, he turned the to the wrong lane, and with no trouble, completely blocked three mighty arteries of traffic. Four miles of traffic, ten cars and thirty thousand Englishmen, arriving home for tea, were all brought standstill.

at happened next, or rather, what didn't next was watched by both girls, coming a large measure of disbelief with a derision. No one blew his horn. No flung his arm over the side of his wave it in graphic gestures of disapproval. No one hung his head out of his car to inquire of the stalled driver if his had been obtained by nepotism, coze or corruption. Patiently or impatiently, quietly in their cars and waited for lot to disappear. This, and not the built of brick, not the summer showers, howed the girls they were indeed straining in a strange land.

WITH only one day, just then, to see London, the girls were brought into the City for a quick look round. They walked up Charing Cross Road, disparaging the clothes so many English women dare to show themselves in. They glanced up Shaftsbury Avenue, and all those theatres reminded them of a film they had missed in Tel Aviv.

They stood in Piccadilly, and disapproved of all the unkempt foreigners idling under the statue of Eros. They managed to come down Haymarket without noticing there isn't any hay, and there isn't any market. They mounted the steps to the National Gallery talking spiritedly, but not about the National Gallery. After a quick look inside — it reminds them, some how, of that monument to Trumpler in Kiryat Shmona — they turn round and look out over Trafalgar Square. Clearly showing that she doesn't intend to be taken in by any old load of English hokum, Danith asks again, "Alright, so who is it on top of Nelson's Column?"

"Cool!" say the pigeons, but they are not really surprised. Philagmatic and British, they eat their corn and pretend they have not heard. Perhaps they didn't even think it such a strange question. After all, it was not Mr. Mandelbaum who used to stand at his gate. A Mr. Jabotinsky doesn't live on every Jabotinsky Street. If the column had been put up by (as written) Mr. Nelson himself, the figure he put on top of it might be Emma Hamilton's. Or given the incomprehensible English sense of humour, it could have been some statue, say of Lady Godiva, and wearing that tri-cornered hat to protect her from the rain and the pigeon feathers.

THE following day, the girls go north. The journey is made in easy stages, the days for tripping, and the nights devoted to British TV: Ironside, Hawaii Five-O, the Match-of-the-Week, and once, by great good fortune, All-in-wrestling, direct from the White City. Now that was worth coming 15 hundred miles for!

Outside Newcastle they inspect a piece of Hadrian's Wall. They find there a section about a metre high and ten long. Danith says, "Where is the rest of it?" She is convinced that the better part is still underground, still to be dug up. "If this were in Israel, we wouldn't be able to leave it just like this. Look what we had to do to the Western Wall to bring the tourists in." She meditates darkly. "Of course we always have to do things better in Israel than anyone else has to."

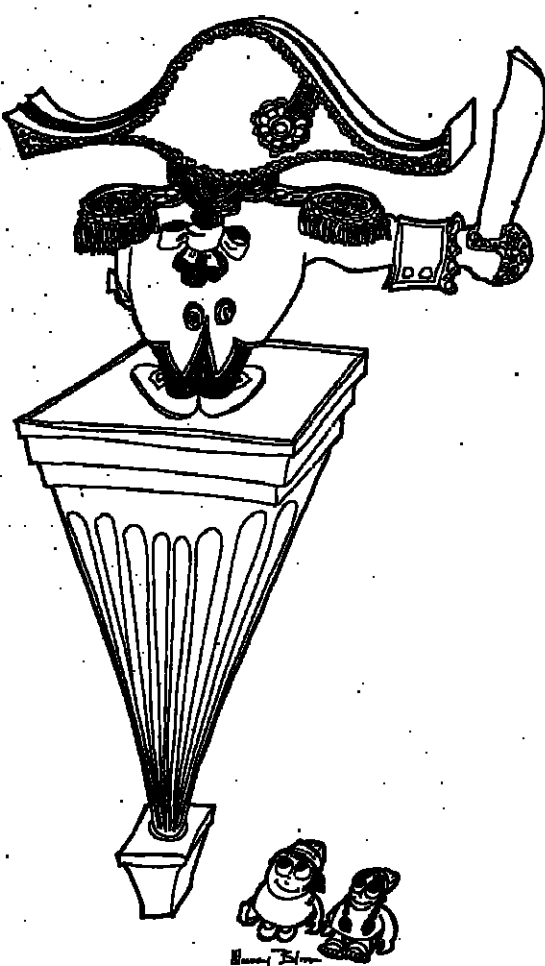
The trip went on, as far to the north as Edinburgh. That was best remembered for the castle, where Aliza met an intelligent couple from Ramat Gan. She introduced them to Danith, and all four had a very good time pinpointing common friends in Israel.

After Scotland, back down into England, down the west coast and then over the Cotswolds. Stratford-on-Avon is where Shakespeare once pondered how his plays might best be written for reading in Israeli universities. How pleased he would be to see how carefully the students analyse the full stop that fell off his quill while he was scratching his nose!

Stratford is one of the poorest towns in England to find. Anywhere in the area just hold up a copy of Hamlet and breathe in gently, or just breathe in gently. For twenty miles around the breeze is laden with the smell of Ye Old Tudor Fishes and Chips. And petrol fumes.

Stratford is buried in automobiles, three deep, like East Jerusalem on a good Jewish holiday. It would have been a terrible day, except that on the steps of the Memorial Theatre, Danith happened to meet a charming young couple, who otherwise live in Ahuzas.

AS soon as the girls were settled back in London, they began to show what they were made for. First of all the hair of the head was washed and dried, washed and



dried, washed and dried, washed and dried, wrapped in brown paper and dipped in the tea. Armed expeditions were mounted to Marks and Spencers, and the loot carried out would have emptied the stock, if most of it hadn't gone back the following day for exchange: "Horrible, horrible, that just doesn't suit me. I must have been mad to pick, daffs, that colour."

Both girls had claimed to be lonely, friendless, quite unknown in London. That made it all the more curious that not more than 24 hours after the First Washing of the Hair, there resolved about Aliza and Danith half a dozen semi-conscious blobs of otiose protoplasm. Drowning in hair, like mermaids in seaweed, these forms seemed spontaneously generated each from the belly of his own nutrient guitar.

Two or three called themselves Bill, and the others John. One Bill who formed himself into a shaggy replica of Pluto — the dog, not the god — attached its pseudopods to Danith. A cockeyed John, twitewing and inarticulate, tried to mesmerise Aliza, now with one eye, now with the other.

The bathroom grew knee deep in damp towels. Undies and giggles dripped in the kitchen sink. Girlish laughter stuffed up the loo. The house was filled with teenage philosophy, teenage wit, teenage talk, teenage problems and teenage solutions to teenage problems. This generation gap they keep wanting to close — what a disaster that would be if someone managed it! That's not a country a human being can live in for long periods together.

THERE was one more trip made before going home, to Salisbury Plain and Stonehenge. This megalithic monument, great blocks of stone, hauled down from Wales and then set upright in a circle, was probably begun about 2300 BCE and finished five or six hundred years later. The erection of the stones had been thought a mystery of Stone Age Man. But it just so happens, as Danith said on seeing them, she knew at least four different ways to raise those stones — and she still had another year to do before she finished high school. "And anyway, I don't know what's supposed to be so great about this," she said, loud, firm, clear Hebrew spreading over the places where Druids once stood. Remember that at just about the same time they were doing this the Jews were building the Pyramids in Egypt. Now that was something!

Although it cost him half an arm and a leg — as the saying goes — Lord Nelson believed the price worth paying. Travel broadened the mind, widened horizons, sets in perspective provincial problems. It's good to go abroad; and from the top of his column — if it is Lord Nelson on top of his column — he might even agree, going home is much better.

The interview

By SHALOM COHEN
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of the Premiership. A surprising question. It's never occurred to me.

Q: Do you want to be Prime Minister?

Minister: I'm totally in favour of Golda Meir continuing in office. Q: Do you think Mrs. Meir should continue as prime minister? (ruffle of papers)

Q: We still have many questions listed here, of great interest to the public, but alas, that merciless tyrant, the clock, is moving on relentlessly, and...

Minister: Yes, I believe the economy, basically, to be sound. No doubt about it, prices are now stabilizing.

Q: What's your opinion on the economy and inflation? In a nutshell.

Minister: Talk of "pressures," as



you put it, are groundless. Relations with the U.S. have never been better. Q: What about American pressures? Minister: Will be good. Q: How will it all end. What's your message to the public? (pause)

Well, we have so many questions left over, but the sands of time have never run so fast, if I may pay a compliment to our guest tonight. Thank you very much Mr. Minister for your gracious and candid answers. Thank you again, and lehitrat very soon.

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Questioner: And would you say that your Ministry has achieved much?

The Minister: Yes.

Q: In a short time?

Minister: Definitely.

Q: I now want to turn to political issues. What do you think of the territories?

Minister: My position on that remains consistent. On the territories, my ideas are well known — don't ask me now to draw maps. Hebron will not be ignored.

Q: What about Hebron?

Minister: I just said...

Q: (ruffling of papers) Quite. Let us move on to the next question. It's been reported that your Ministry is expanding. How come?

Minister: I can disclose... we intend to acquire a substantial number of percolators.

Q: Could you say how many, and the expected budget?

Minister: It's not yet official.

Q: But doesn't this involve duplication? I mean couldn't other Ministries use the same... same things...

Minister: Percolators. They have wide applications, as you know.

Q: Surely they will increase, or reduce, Ministry staff?

(long pause)

Minister: I have never thought

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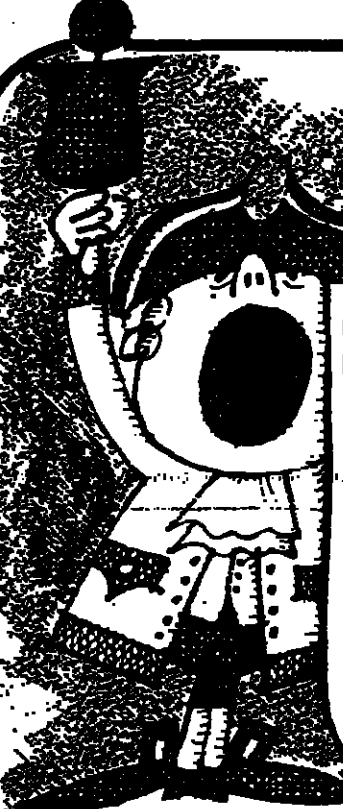
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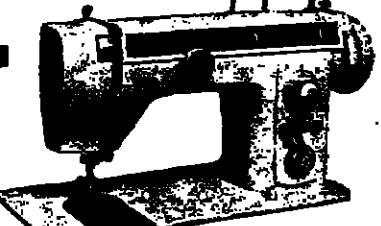
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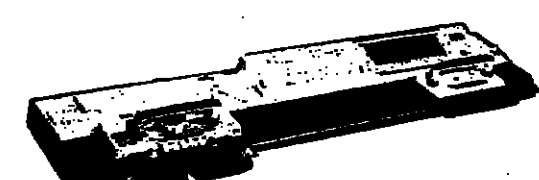
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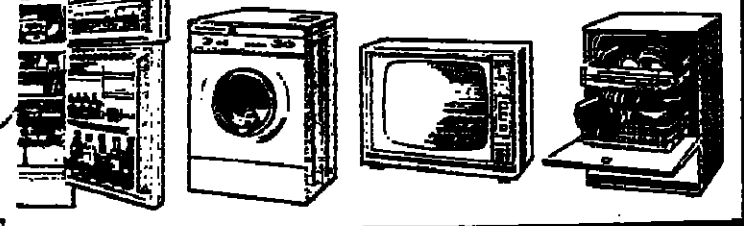
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Silo go-slow in fifth day labour power struggle behind Dagon strike

YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 48 workers of the Silo Company here yesterday continued their wildcat strike for the fourth day, halving their daily grain unloading to 3,000 tons.

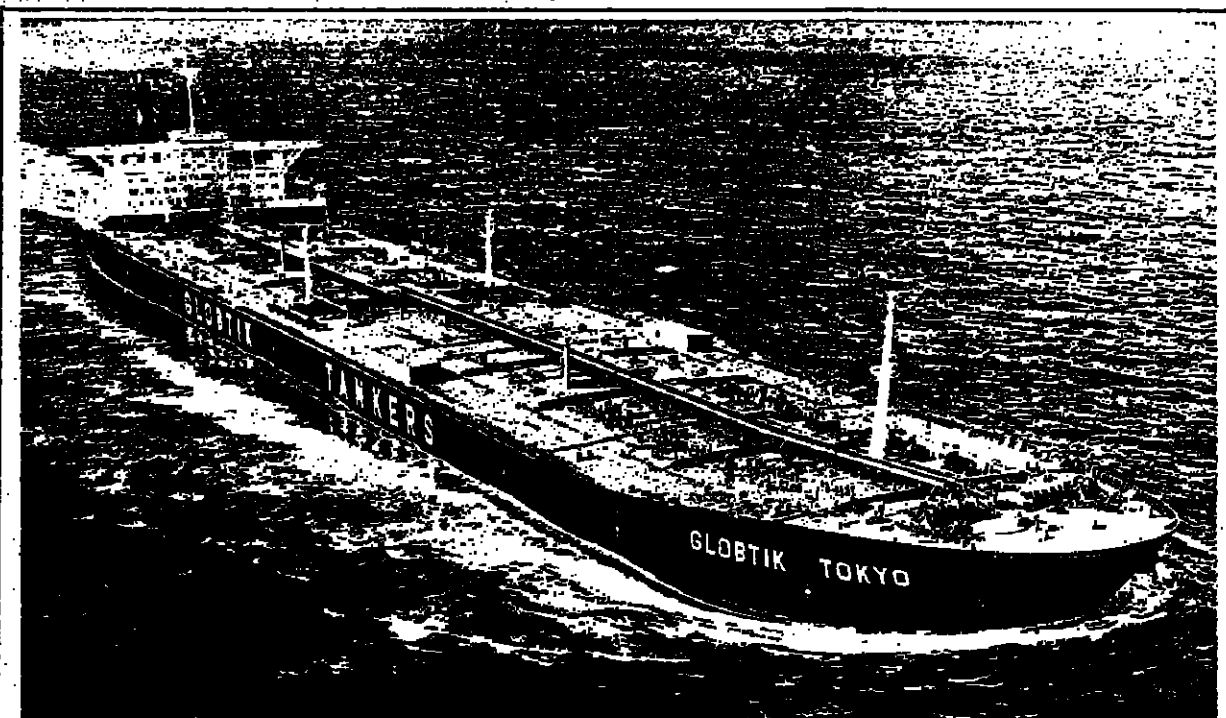
The strike, the first since the company opened 17 years ago, has brought up grain ships and workers are protesting a new proposal that they be represented by the port committee, but directly the Dagon Labour Council.

Dagon workers enjoyed the wages and social benefits as port workers. Although they joined a port strike, they did not strike gains of the Dagon workers' representatives.

The Dagon management said it would deduct "every agora" from pay for time lost during the go-slow strike.

As for the Labour Council, it has already ordered the men to resume normal work, but without success. The Council has proposed that a committee go into the issue of who will represent the workers — but only after they stop their strike.

The Dagon employees' union, the Dagon Labour Council, supported by the port workers anxious to tighten their control over the port — and the Labour Council, which realizes that yielding to their demand would erode its own authority.



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New deal for Black labour seen in South Africa

CAPE TOWN (AP). — Labour legislation designed to involve Blacks more directly in wage and other negotiations with their employers is being prepared here by the government.

The revised laws result in large part from three months of wildcat work stoppages by African labourers.

Black trade unions are not officially recognized and the hundreds of strikes involving tens of thousands were illegal. Nevertheless few arrests were made.

In several cases high government officials agreed in effect with the strikers: that their wages and working conditions were inadequate. Some analysts say the Blacks had no choice but to stop work because there was no channel to management through which to air grievances.

Informed sources said the planned legislation would allow Blacks appointed by the government to sit in on industrial council meetings and negotiate Black pay scales and other matters with management.

The works committee system was also expected to be expanded to give Labour Minister Marais Viljoen emergency powers to prevent a minority of firms in some industries from holding wages down.

Green belt compensation 'heavy' — Kollek

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek has stated that "a great deal of compensation" would have to be paid to landowners whose property will become part of the green belt around the Old City.

Mr. Kollek said that the plan for the Old City and environs now before the District Planning Commission will put a burden on small landowners in the area who had expected to build on their property, only to find construction banned.

The Mayor was speaking at a reception on Wednesday night, marking the publication of "Planning Jerusalem," a book describing the Old City plan.

U.S. Senate vote for free gold dealing

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Senate adopted an amendment on Wednesday night that would permit U.S. citizens to own gold, a right taken from them in the early part of Franklin Roosevelt's presidency.

However, the move, which reportedly will be opposed by the Nixon Administration, faces an uncertain fate in the house. Opponents charge that the demand for private buyers in the U.S. could eventually drive up the price of gold even further.

The Senate approved the amendment, which if enacted would take effect December 31, by a 68 to 22 vote. The amendment's sponsor, Senator James McClellan, an Idaho Republican, said it was only "simple justice for the people of our country" to have this right restored. It was lifted in 1934. Supporters of the legislation said that for the most part only Communist dictatorships ban private ownership of gold and that if there was ever any purpose to such a ban, it no longer exists.

Opponents of the measure say it would have an unsettling effect on the world monetary situation. Opponents also said the amendment, which was tacked onto the bill which formalizes the February 12 agreement on an extensive scale, Hiroki Inazawa, president of Japan Oil Development Co., said yesterday.

Japan needs the committee to secure a stable supply of oil from the world monetary situation. Saudi Arabia have agreed to set up a joint economic committee shortly to help promote Saudi's economic development on an extensive scale, Hiroki Inazawa, president of Japan Oil Development Co., said yesterday.

The Senate action pushed up the price of gold by more than one dollar in Europe yesterday. The dollar was weak.

Gold opened in London and Zurich, Europe's two major bullion markets at \$92 dollars, up from \$90.82 in London and \$90.37 in Zurich late on Wednesday. Despite the jump the metal was still well below the \$95 all-time record price set last month.

The rise in the gold price helped push the dollar down on foreign exchange markets at the opening, dealers said. But the U.S. currency began moving back up again later.

Trading was described as relatively light, except in Frankfurt where it was said to be active. There were no signs of the panic selling that touched off the February monetary crisis. Dealers said the dollar weakness had been generally expected due to technical market factors. The U.S. currency had been gaining in recent sessions.

your income tax returns Zim asks Gov't to decide on Rumanian ships

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. The Zim company has asked the Government to decide whether it should go through with the purchase of two 4,500-ton roll-on freighters it ordered in Rumania.

(Roll-on-roll off freighters transport freight-laden trucks, which continue to inland destinations after "rolling off" the ship at its port of call.)

The original purchase price of \$4m. for each ship went up to \$5m. when Zim ordered some changes in construction. When delivery times came last month, however, the Rumanian yard demanded an extra \$1m. per ship, saying it had miscalculated.

Zim's management considered the extra charge exorbitant and said it would make the ships' operation uneconomical. However, in view of the possible political implications, it has asked the Government to make the final decision.

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Price fall continues

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Thus the first week of April, the start of a new fiscal year, did not bring the widely expected rise in prices; although the IL200m. paid out on redemption of bonds, together with Government payments, should have raised the economy's liquidity.

Turnover yesterday was somewhat higher, with IL1.7m. worth of shares changing hands. In the variables, IL1.1m. worth of shares were traded.

Investment companies were unchanged or weaker. Discount Investment company lost five points to 257.1, as did Cial Investment from 219 to 214. Only Bank Leumi Investment, which will issue convertible bonds next week and new

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of 57,900 tourists visited Israel last month, compared with 77,900 in March 1972.

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Electric Corp.	r	60	60
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Ozar Hityashuv	r	380	380
I.D.R. Bankholding	r	367	370
Bank Leumi	r	367	367
Gen. Mortgage Bank	r	360.5	360.5
Israel British Bank	r	335	332
Bank Leumi	r	330	330
United Mizrahi Bank	r	163	165
Bank Hapoalim—10%	r	870	874
Carmel Mfg. & Inv.	r	140	139
Bank Leumi—A	r	335.5	335.5
Bank Binyan	r	254	255.5
Ind. & Dev. Bank—8%	r	25.5	25.5
Dev. & Mfg. Bank	r	254	254
Housing Mortgage Bank	r	254	254
Cial Industries	r	330	331
Israel Cent. Trade	r	330	330
Hasmah Insurance	r	284	282
Wolfson, Ltd.	r	188.5	188.5
Bank Leumi—B	r	155	155
Tefahot—8%	r	240	240
Sharon—C	r	240	240
Sharon—D	r	240	240
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Asorim—IL10	r	216	216
Isr. Land Dev.	r	216	216
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	106	106
Isra	r	106	106
Property & Build.	r	264	264
Madrin	r	176	175
Pri Or Ltd.	r	108	108
Anglo-Isr. Investor	r	255.5	255.5
Neot Aviv	r	84.5	84.5
Rassoco—8%	r	117	117
Rassoco—9%	r	91	90.5
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Alliance—B	r	550	550
Electra—IL5	r	106	107.5
Electra, IL5	r	338	340
Argaman—8%	r	336	340
Alia	r	115	115
Motor House	r	78.5	79
Dubek	r	440	435
Cold Storage—IL10	r	204	204.5
Elect. Wire & Cable	r	145	145
Solei Bosh—50%	r	211	211
Lightage & Supply	r	211	211
Chen & Pineshates	r	211	211
Lewin Epstein	r	77	77
Moller Textile	r	225	227
Nechushan	r	427.5	427.5
Teva	r	252	251
Pharmacia—8%	r	123.5	123.5
Paper Mills	r	384	382
Asia—8%	r	252	252
Shenot—8%	r	128	128.5
Taal Flywood	r	282	286
FUEL & OIL			
Delek—C	r	228	230.5
Naphtha	r	51	52
Lapide—OTC	r	123	128
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Elgar	r	107	103.5
Elgar	r	301	302
Bank Hapoalim	r	84	84.5
Export Bank	r	107	107
Paz	r	138	141.5
Amra	r	257.5	258.5
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PRICES AND THE PUBLIC

DURING the last two years there has been widespread feeling that Government leadership on social and economic matters lags far behind the quality of leadership displayed on foreign and security matters. This assumption was nourished by signs of social unrest, rooted in economic and communal differences, by a series of cases involving government and private enterprises, in which it appeared that the public purse was being loosely handled, and by the process of inflation which has served to widen class differences. It was compounded by criticism of the Government's management of domestic issues — especially the criticism voiced by well-known figures in or close to the Labour Party leadership.

Since this same period was marked by relative tranquillity on the foreign affairs and security front, it might have been supposed that those especially charged with responsibility for domestic matters would have taken every opportunity to restore public confidence not only by making certain that specific domestic decisions were reasonable, wise or necessary but also by taking pains to persuade the public that this was indeed the case.

Yet this is precisely the job that has not been done. Rather it would appear as if the domestic policy makers were content to rely on the vast fund of public confidence accruing to the Government from its foreign and defence policies.

The latest price rises and the policy decisions which led to them is a vivid case in point. The housewife who wants to buy rice, or noodles for the Sabbath

soup, the pensioner who waits for his fixed monthly stipend, cannot be assumed to be sophisticated in the causes of inflation or the budgetary intricacies of subsidies. They read price tags not economic texts. They watch their neighbours not economic indicators. And if they find they are being acted upon in damaging fashion without being able to see the justification, the index of social bitterness, and not merely the index of living costs rises.

Here, as in the Courts, it is essential not only that justice be done but that it be seen to be done.

This requires extended and patient explanation, it requires a willingness to subject policy to scrutiny and debate before irreversible decisions are taken, it requires an awareness that where public consent is a value it must be earned by preparing those who must give their consent.

In the absence of such an effort, it should come as no surprise that various sectors of the public should be ready to give vent to frustrations or be susceptible to the machinations of aspiring politicians or parties — especially in an election year.

Perhaps, as in the case of a devaluation, it was necessary to announce the latest price rises without prior notice. But precisely for that reason the effort to pacify a shocked public should have been all the greater after the event. Instead all the average citizen can be expected to see at the moment is an endless and quickening spiral against which, somehow, he must defend himself, even if that makes the spiral even more dizzying.

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Concern for democracy

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "The Bader-Of amendment will result in the elector having no assurance when casting his ballot for the one faction that he was not thereby strengthening another faction. Furthermore, with the amendment having been passed into law, Gahal's claim to be an opposition faction is no longer valid, and proof has also been provided that there is no stopping the Alignment faction. Both these manifestations should worry anyone concerned for democracy in Israel."

Davar (Histadrut) on the Bader-Of electoral law writes: "It is unjustified that the large factions should have to pay about 11,000 electoral votes per Knesset seat, while some of the small factions have gained seats with little more than 3,000 votes. The amended law is perfectly justified. Let the little factions mobilize more electoral votes, and not add to their strength by distortion of reality in the ballot."

Al Hanihmar (Mapam) writes: "The attempt by the small factions

to deny the decision from the majority is in itself undemocratic. The minority can campaign for its views among the public, but it cannot dictate its opinion to the majority. At the same time, there was no cause for haste in passing the law, and it might even have been advisable for an objective, scientific commission to review the bill."

Hatzefa (National Religious) writes: "The Bader-Of amendment is contrary to the rules of justice and of decency, and it was passed in disregard of legal procedure, and in a display of lack of patience for experts and men of science who wished to clarify its practical significance."

Hanadiah (Agudat Yisrael) writes: "The fight waged by the small parties against passage of the amendment, has proven the justification and necessity of their existence in the face of the unbridled passion for rule displayed by the two large parties. However much the two hate each other, they find a common interest in suppressing the least civil freedom."

Dayan: The time is ripe for new M.E. political synthesis

By ARI EATH

THE belligerent rhetoric coming out of Cairo notwithstanding, all signs are pointing towards a gradual lessening of tension in the Middle East. There appear to be three main reasons for this trend:

- Israel's military advantage over its Arab adversaries seems secured at least until the 1980's, when a new generation of weapons is expected to become operational.
- The policy of the Big Powers is to localize the Middle East conflict, particularly following last year's Soviet exodus from Egypt.
- The Arab world today is far more divided than in 1967.

This is how Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has summed up the situation at a number of recent meetings, emphasizing what in his view seems a unique opportunity for Israel to reach agreement at last with the Arabs on permanent borders for a Jewish State in their midst.

But, Mr. Dayan stresses that military advantage does not necessarily mean political security, and when the time is ripe Israel should exchange some of its military security for political security, creating a new synthesis.

These thoughts are based on the assumption that the Israel-Arab conflict is a drawn-out process that will have to be resolved gradually and not an episode that will come to an end with one dramatic act. The element of military advantage is important at this stage, because it gradually leads the Arabs to despair of trying yet another all-out war to solve their problems, bringing closer the eventual realization that they must come to terms with us and make peace with Israel.

The forecast that Israel is likely to maintain its military advantage until the 1980s is based on several factors:

- Barring unforeseen political differences with the U.S., Israel seems assured of a continuous supply of arms, and particularly military aircraft, that will see it through until the new "weapons generation" takes over.
- Israel's present cease-fire lines provide

it with the best possible strategic borders, including water barriers such as the Yarmuk and Jordan Rivers, and the Suez Canal.

• Israel's control of the mountain ridges in the north, in Samaria and Judea and in Sinai, make for an effective early warning system, so important in today's largely electronic warfare.

• The areas within the present cease-fire line, chiefly Sinai, give Israel potential battlefield far away from its populated centres, which is not the case with Egypt.

But, according to Mr. Dayan, these lines and areas provide the frame within which Israel should finally be able to carve out its own permanent borders in agreement with the Arab neighbours. "The first such chance since the Return to Zion in modern times," as he put it.

It is in this context that one should approach the Labour Party's "great debate" on the territories which is to be summed up next Thursday with major speeches by Prime Minister Golda Meir, Mr. Dayan and Minister Yisrael Galili. The debate revolves on what to do in the territories until peace comes, at a time when there is no imminent danger of war, while we are already in the midst of the process of gradually increasing Israel-Arab coexistence.

The Labour Party debate assumes an additional dimension of importance, as it is being held six months before the general election, when the party will have to present the electorate with a platform of policy principles which will, no doubt, have to guide the actions of the next Government. It has been stated time and again by Mrs. Meir, Mr. Dayan and a number of other Labour Party leaders that, as long as Israel is in control of the Administered areas, it has to take care of all the needs of the Arab population there and to fulfil all governmental functions.

At the same time it has been agreed in principle that new settlements should be set up in those areas which are likely to remain within Israel's future borders, such as the Golan Heights, the lower Jordan valley, the stretch of land along the Eilat-Sharm e-Sheikh road and the Rafiah region

in Northern Sinai.

On the other hand, there are recurring differences within the Government and the Labour Party leadership over new settlements, rural or urban, in the areas which do not fall within the above category.

Mr. Dayan's proposal to establish a new town in Northern Sinai, between Rafiah and El Arish, is a case in point. "Yamit," as he would have it called, was to provide an urban centre for existing and future settlements in the region. Although even declared "doves" and minimalists in the Government agree that the Rafiah region should be kept permanently as a buffer between the densely Arab-populated Gaza Strip and Egypt, the Government decided against Yamit, ostensibly for lack of funds. The compromise reached called for the establishment of a "regional centre" in the area instead.

On the other hand, Kiryat Arba, the Jewish quarter on the outskirts of Hebron, has become a Government-sponsored project, although it is still a far cry from becoming a real town. The decision to support Kiryat Arba, which started off as a personal initiative by a number of dedicated religious settlers, was taken despite the fact that there is no assurance that it will remain inside Israel after peace.

Other urban settlements in the West Bank, such as at Nevi Samuel, north of Jerusalem, on which the Cabinet decided three years ago, never got off the ground, however. There is another proposed project — that Kfar Saba should establish a new industrial zone at neighbouring Kalkilya, just across the former "green line" — which is also being delayed. The confusion and inconsistency are obvious, despite the Labour Party's 1968 commitment to establish both rural and urban settlements in the administered areas.

Another case in point is the current Cabinet discussion on the purchase of land by Jews in the territories in cases where Arabs offer it for sale. Requests for approval for such deals, many of which have been pending over a year, are often connected with proposed Israel-Arab partnerships in new enterprises such as a big stone quarry or a new plywood plant near

Hebron, that could provide a source of livelihood for the Arab population in the area. Yet, no decision has been taken so far, despite the Government's declared intention to increase the number of Arab labourers from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip inside Israel, the present 50,000-60,000 level.

Mr. Dayan has gone on record Jewish land purchase in the territories must be controlled and approved Government and should not be allowed to serve speculative purposes. But it posed to such a move regard to another step that would foreclose negotiations for a peace settlement, while us back to the crux of the problem.

Should Israel sit tight, waiting for future settlement of the conflict, changing anything in the social and economic fabric made up by the on Arabs in the West Bank and Strip, lest such a change in the status would be regarded as another step toward peace? Or should Israel-Arab coexistence continue to be encouraged in the absence of a political pact, paving the way for the kind of peace with open borders and freedom of people and goods that strives for. It is this kind of peace in Israel-Arab relations that has characterized the post-Six Day period.

The Labour Party, as the major force in the Government, will have to make a clear decision on these issues. It itself does not seem particularly concerned about the weight of the so-called "doves" whose voices have been heard lately so far. But, on the other hand, it also not too excited over "activist" positions that lack the will to implement the decisions.

It can be assumed that the debate will have a direct bearing on the composition of the party's new faction and its representation in Government, particularly if Mrs. Meir does see eye-to-eye with Mr. I. Galili on many of the issues. Mr. Galili on many of the issues will be persuaded to stay in the October 1973.

Readers' letters

Trap in the territories

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, Dr. Moshe Ater, may be counted on to provide a clear and perceptive comment on the Israeli economy, but with reference to his article "Israel and the Territories need each other" (March 28), I should like only to caution him that the link between business depression and social ferment that he would project into the West Bank and Gaza, should Israel withdraw from these areas, is only part of the analysis that the situation deserves.

In particular, it should be mentioned that social ferment has been known to occur during times of economic growth, in the face of unfulfilled expectations. By concentrating on the issue of bread, and ignoring the deeper passions that are found to stir men's wrath, Israel could very well be setting a trap for itself in the territories. It is perhaps not too late to account for this possibility, and begin to give the Palestinians a greater sense of dignity and self-determination along with their economic growth figures.

DR. MICHAEL KAHAN
Kfar Saba, March 28.

Militancy, please

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, Every person has the right to smoke himself into bronchitis, pneumonia, cancer or death. But when his smoking affects the health, well-being or happiness of other members of the community, — or if it leads to the destruction of public or private property — then it becomes criminal.

Irresponsible smoking and disposal of cigarette-ends can lead to grave injury or worse as I know from my daughter's experience. She has been under medical treatment since last July for a fractured arm caused by some unthinking smoker who flung away a burning cigarette which fell on her lap while she was driving a car. The car was wrecked, she sustained a severe fracture of her right arm which has just been operated on for the third time, and her passenger suffered severe concussion. The smoker will never know what he has done. Incidentally my daughter is alive only because she was wearing a safety belt.

As long as there are smokers who are a public menace, anti-smokers should be far more militant.

LUBA LASK
Tel Aviv, March 28.

National insurance query

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — My wife and I came to Israel in late 1949. I found work in 1950 and ever since have been regularly paying all income tax nationally insurance, and other dues automatically deducted from the salaries of employees. In July 1965, my wife began to work and also paid all the required taxes. In February of this year, she was forced to stop work on health grounds. Not wanting her to lose her old age pension rights, we decided to continue paying her National Insurance fees.

We have now received a retroactive account, including a demand for an additional IL450 to cover the years 1954-65 as fees to the National Insurance Institute since its inception, regardless of the fact that my wife did not begin work until 1965.

Why do veteran settlers like us have to be penalized by retroactive payments, when new immigrants do not have to pay anything and can still get old age pensions?

M. ABRAMSON
Tel Aviv, March 15.

The National Insurance Institute replies: "National insurance is compulsory for all employed persons, but falls under the category of authorized or

voluntary insurance in the case of those not employed. This kind of insurance has certain conditions attached which should be given careful consideration before a decision is made upon it. It must be paid either from April 1, 1954, or from the date of immigration — whichever is the latest of the three dates. If Mrs. Abramson does not consider it worth while to be insured under such conditions, she will not receive a separate old-age pension. However, when her husband is entitled to his pension, the amount will include an extra sum (50 per cent of a pension) for her.

As far as new immigrants are concerned, it would hardly be logical to ask them to pay insurance dues for a period prior to their arrival in the country."

G. FRIEDMAN
Director, Public Relations Department
Jerusalem, March 26.

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ELAINA ELFOED (25) of 155 Highland Ave, Highland Park, Michigan 48203, USA would like an Israeli pen friend. She is majoring in biological sciences and hopes to become a vet. She is interested in music, stamps, criminology, horses and dogs.

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